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## RESEARCH--THE BASIS OF PROGRESS

Cotton insect research contributes to more efficient cotton production and offers hope of further reducing production costs and increasing profits. A continuing strong research program is **essential** if a favorable position is maintained in the battle with cotton pests. The ability of pests to develop resistance to highly effective insecticides emphasizes the need for a strong program of basic and applied research. New concepts and methods of control can come only through research.

Basic or fundamental research on insect bionomics, physiology, biochemistry, behavior, on the chemistry of insecticides, and on the physiology of the cotton plant is essential to the development of new concepts of cotton insect control. It is essential before major breakthroughs can be achieved in developing insect resistant cotton varieties, long-lasting systemic insecticides, the discovery of effective attractants, the solving of the insecticide resistance problem, the maximum use of biological control and the development of new concepts of control and possible eradication.

Future research output is dependent on availability of personnel, facilities, and funds. It is particularly essential that present and future projects be more adequately supported. This involves the creation and maintenance of a "climate" favorable for productive research, with facilities, salaries, and other support adequate for attracting and keeping scientists of the caliber, training, and experience needed. Attention must be given to the need for cotton insect research facilities in regions not adequately served at present. Those interested in the welfare of the cotton industry should encourage promising high school and college students to enter the field of professional entomology as teachers, research scientists, extension and survey entomologists, and field scouts.



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## INTRODUCTION

This is the report of the fifteenth annual conference of State and Federal workers concerned with cotton insect research and control. Research and extension entomologists and associated technical workers from 14 cotton-growing States and Puerto Rico, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Cotton Council of America met to review the research and experiences of the previous years and to formulate guiding statements for control recommendations in 1962.

The chief purpose of the Conference is to enable State and Federal entomologists to exchange information that may be useful in planning further research, survey, and extension work and to make the results of research available to other cotton entomologists.

The report presents information of value (1) to industry in planning production programs, (2) to State and Federal research workers in planning research programs, (3) to extension entomologists in bringing to the attention of growers and other interested groups the control recommendations for their states, and (4) to teachers of entomology in the various colleges and universities. It is also widely used in foreign countries in connection with the development of cotton insect control programs.

This Conference Report is available to anyone interested in cotton production. Copies may be obtained from the Cotton Insects Research Branch, Entomology Research Division, Beltsville, Md. It may be duplicated in whole or in part, but it should not be used for advertising purposes. No less than a complete section relating to one material or insect together with any supplemental statements should be copied.

Agreement on overall recommendations may be expected; however, complete standardization throughout the Cotton Belt is not possible. Details of recommendations will vary with the region or locality. Cotton growers should follow the recommendations contained in the State Guide for Controlling Cotton Insects and the advice of qualified entomologists in their respective States who are familiar with their local problems.

An adequate cotton insect control program involves consideration of several approaches including cultural, biological, and chemical methods. Full advantage should be taken of cultural and natural controls and these should be supplemented by the use of chemicals as needed.

In making recommendations for the use of insecticides, entomologists should recognize their responsibility with regard to hazards to the public. (See Hazards & Precautions statement, page 12).



The insecticide industry has a great responsibility to the cotton grower in making available adequate supplies of recommended materials which are properly formulated. Sales programs should be based on State or area recommendations.

Unfortunately, various so-called "remedies" and devices, such as bug-catching machines, light traps, and other mechanical or electrical contrivances for controlling insects, have been put on the market through the years. Although some had slight value, most of them were less effective and more expensive than widely tested standard methods. Therefore, cotton growers are urged to follow approved recommendations.

## CULTURAL PRACTICES

The development of resistance by cotton insects to some insecticides makes good cultural practices imperative. Certain cultural practices reduce and under some conditions may even eliminate the need for insecticides. Several of these practices can be followed by every cotton grower, whereas others are applicable only to certain areas and conditions. Growers following these practices should continue to make careful observations for insects and apply insecticides when needed.

### Early Stalk Destruction

The boll weevil resistance problem emphasizes the urgent need for early destruction of cotton stalks. The destruction or killing of cotton plants as early as possible before the first killing frost prevents population buildup and reduces the overwintering population. The earlier the weevil population is deprived of its food supply the more effective this measure becomes. Early stalk destruction, especially over community- or county-wide areas, has greatly reduced the boll weevil problem the following season, especially in the southern part of the Cotton Belt.

Early stalk destruction and burial of infested debris are generally the most important practices in pink bollworm control. Modern shredders facilitate early stalk destruction and complete plow-under of crop shredding operation also kills a high percentage of pink bollworms left in the field after harvest. The flail type shredder is recommended over the horizontal rotary type for pink bollworm control. Plowing under crop residue as deeply as possible after the stalks are cut will further reduce pink bollworm survival. The use of these machines should be encouraged as an aid in the control of both the boll weevil and the pink bollworm.

### Stub or Volunteer Cotton

Stub, volunteer, and abandoned cotton contributes to insect problems because the stalks and undisturbed soil provide a place for insects to live through the winter. This is especially true with regard to the cotton leaf perforator and the pink bollworm. Volunteer cotton is also the principal

winter host for the leaf crumple virus of cotton in the southwestern desert areas and for its whitefly vector. All cotton plants should be destroyed soon after harvest.

### Planting

Uniform planting of all cotton within a given area during a short period of time is desirable. A wide range in planting dates by extending the season tends to increase populations of the boll weevil, pink bollworm, and possibly other insects. Planting during the earliest optimum period for an area also makes earlier stalk destruction possible.

### Skip Row Planting

The practice of skip row planting has changed some of the aspects of insect control on cotton. Insects and spider mites that feed on weeds allowed to grow in these strips may move into the cotton when such weeds are destroyed by cultivation. The strip cropping practice necessitates development of special ground equipment. Applications by airplane become more expensive since the entire field must be treated and only a part of it is planted to the crop.

### Varieties

Varieties of cotton that bear prolifically, fruit early, and mature quickly may set a crop before the boll weevil and other insects become numerous enough to require prolonged treatment with insecticides. This is especially true when other cultural control practices are followed.

### Soil Improvement

Fertilization, rotation of crops, and plowing under of green manure crops are good farm practices and should be encouraged. While higher yields give greater returns from the use of insecticides, the increased plant growth may also prove more attractive to some pests necessitating closer attention to their abundance and control. Over-fertilization, especially with nitrogen, may unnecessarily extend the period during which insecticidal protection is necessary. Likewise, under-fertilization may nullify gains expected from insecticides. Abnormal growth and delayed maturity may result from nutritional deficiencies but these should not be confused with insect damage.

The fact that a number of insects and spider mites attack legumes and then transfer to cotton should not discourage the use of legumes, as insect pests may be controlled on both of these crops.

### Other Host Plants of Cotton Pests

Cotton fields should be located as far as is practicable from other host plants of cotton insects. In some cases control measures should be applied to other hosts to prevent migration to cotton. Thrips breed in onions, potatoes, carrots, legumes, small grains, and some other crops. They later



move in great numbers into adjacent or interplanted cotton. Beet armyworms, garden webworms, lygus bugs, stink bugs, variegated cutworms, western yellow-striped armyworms, and other insects may migrate to cotton from alfalfa and other plants. The cotton fleahopper migrates to cotton from horsemint, croton, and other weeds. Spider mites spread to cotton from many weeds and other host plants adjacent to cotton fields.

### Hibernation Areas

The boll weevil hibernates in well-drained, protected areas in and near cotton fields. Spider mites overwinter on low-growing plants in or near fields. Pest breeding areas of weeds near fields, along turnrows and fences, or around stumps and scattered weeds in cultivated fields or pastures should be eliminated by means of herbicides, cultivation or other methods. Such practices are more effective where the cotton acreages are in sizable blocks than in small patches. General burning of ground cover in woods is not recommended.

Seed cotton scattered along turnrows, loading areas, and roadsides serves as a source of pink bollworm carry-over to the next crop. Care should be taken to see that these areas are cleaned up. To minimize this hazard, trucks, trailers, and other vehicles in which the seed cotton is being hauled to the gin should be covered.

Gin-plant sanitation should be practiced to eliminate hibernating quarters of the boll weevil and the pink bollworm on such premises. In areas where pink bollworms occur, State quarantine regulations require that gin trash be burned, sterilized, run through a hammer mill or fan of specified size and speed, composted, or given some other approved treatment.

Certification of mechanical cotton pickers and strippers moving from pink bollworm-infested to noninfested areas is required by quarantine regulations.

## BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF COTTON INSECTS

Predators, parasites, and diseases play an important role in the control of insect pests of cotton. Full advantage should be taken of these natural enemies, and the over-all pest-control program should include the maximum integration of natural, chemical, and cultural control. Wherever possible, an attempt should be made to evaluate the role of beneficial insects in the fields being checked.

Some predaceous insects of prime importance are: Orius, which prey upon thrips and other small insects as well as bollworm eggs; lacewings, which prey upon bollworm larvae and other soft bodied insects; and Geocoris, Nabis and Zelus which prey upon mirids and other insects. Other arthropod predators of importance are spiders, wasps, ladybird beetles, predaceous ground beetles and larvae of syrphid flies.



Parasites that are often effective against certain cotton pests include several wasplike species, ranging in size from extremely small ones that develop in aphids and in the eggs of other insects to those as large as some of our common wasps, and several species of tachinid flies that resemble the house fly.

Native predators and parasites are often highly effective against aphids, the bollworm, tobacco budworm, cotton leafworm, cutworms, lygus bugs, spider mites, whiteflies, and certain other pests. However, there is no evidence that the propagation and release of native predators and parasites is of any economic value to cotton growers. The importation and colonization of insect parasites of the pink bollworm and the boll weevil have not proved effective.

A polyhedral virus sometimes substantially reduces cabbage looper and cotton leafworm populations in localized areas. The use of Bacillus thuringiensis is discussed on page 37.

#### CHEMICAL DEFOLIATION AND DESICCATION AS AN AID TO COTTON INSECT CONTROL

Chemical defoliation and desiccation of cotton aid in the control of many cotton insects. These practices check the growth of the plants and accelerate the opening of mature bolls, reducing the damage and the late-season buildup of boll weevils and pink bollworms which would otherwise remain to infest next year's crop. They also prevent or reduce damage to open cotton by heavy infestations of aphids, the cotton leafworm, and whiteflies. Stalks should be destroyed and other cultural practices followed, as discussed under "Early Stalk Destruction" (page 7), after harvest in areas where regrowth is likely to occur before frost or spring plowing.

Defoliation or desiccation permits earlier harvesting and better use of mechanical harvesters. This also permits earlier destruction of the stalks, an important aid in the control of the pink bollworm and the boll weevil. However, if losses in yield and quality are to be avoided, defoliants and desiccants should not be applied until all bolls that are to be harvested are mature.

Guides for the use of different defoliants and desiccants, developed by the Defoliation Conference, have been issued by the National Cotton Council of America, Memphis, Tennessee. They contain information concerning the influence of plant activity, stage of maturity, and effect of environment on the efficiency of the process, and give details relative to the various needs and benefits. They explain how loss in yield and quality of products may be caused by improper timing of the applications. These guides are based on broad ecological areas rather than on State boundaries. Local and State recommendations should be followed.

## PRODUCTION MECHANIZATION IN COTTON INSECT CONTROL

Increased mechanization improves the efficiency of cotton production, including insect control. High-clearance sprayers and dusters and aircraft have proved to be very useful and satisfactory for application of insecticides and defoliants, especially in rank cotton. Tractors also enable the grower to use shredders, strippers, mechanical harvesters, and larger and better plows, all of which help in the control of the pink bollworm and to some extent the boll weevil.

The flaming operation for weed control is of questionable value in insect control.

Mechanical harvesting with spindle type pickers may result in leaving more infested cotton in the field than hand picking, thus increasing the potential overwintering pink bollworm population. The use of strippers to harvest the crop is highly desirable from the standpoint of pink bollworm control because all bolls are stripped from the plants and are transported to the gins where a high percentage of the larvae are killed in the ginning process.

Stalk shredders not only destroy certain insects, particularly the pink bollworm, but enable the cotton growers over wide areas to destroy the stalks before frost and thereby stop the development of late generations of this insect and the boll weevil.

The increased use of mechanized equipment for cotton production has resulted in large acreages of uniform, even-age stands in some areas. These factors tend to simplify cotton insect control. Hibernation quarters in or immediately adjacent to the fields are frequently eliminated by these modern cultivation practices.

## INSECTICIDES AND MITICIDES

Insecticides and miticides useful for the control of cotton pests, and others still under investigation, are listed on page 24. They are grouped according to general type and the stage in their development of ultimate grower use. In local areas certain insects have become resistant to one or more of the insecticides recommended for general use. See Statement on Resistance to Insecticides (page 20).

The section below discusses hazards and precautions in the use of insecticides. It must be realized of course that all insecticides are potentially hazardous; on the other hand when a review of the enviable safety record associated with the use of many millions of pounds of insecticides on cotton annually, it becomes evident that if common sense precautions are observed they can be used with relative safety. This applies to the operator, the farm worker, the cotton checker, to fish and wildlife, to our food supply, and to the public in general. Experience has shown that all of the insecticides recommended for use on cotton can be used safely if judicious precautions are observed.



## Hazards and Precautions

Problems involving hazards to man, domestic animals, crops, fish, and beneficial wildlife have been intensified by the increased use of insecticides found to be effective against cotton insects. Most insecticides may be harmful to man and animals if used in excessive amounts or if handled carelessly. They should be used with appropriate precautions and in the amounts and manners recommended. The precautions and recommended amounts are given on labels of all materials legally offered for sale. These materials should not be used unless the user is prepared to follow precautions on the labels.

Insecticide injury to man may occur through skin absorption or by oral or respiratory intake. Some solvents used in preparing solutions or emulsions are inflammable, and most of them are poisonous to some degree. In considering the hazards to man, it is necessary to distinguish between immediate hazards (acute toxicity) and cumulative hazards (chronic toxicity).

Research and experience have shown that most of the chlorinated hydrocarbons are reasonably safe at strengths normally applied to cotton. In concentrated form, however, they may cause acute poisoning. In addition, continued exposure to the lower concentrations may result in their accumulation in the body with possible eventual tissue or organic injury.

Some of the insecticides used on cotton are extremely poisonous and must be handled with care at all times and in all forms. The physiological activity of organophosphorus compounds in both insects and warm-blooded animals is primarily inhibition of the cholinesterase enzyme. Repeated exposure to them may reduce the cholinesterase level gradually to the point where symptoms of poisoning may occur. These include headache, pinpoint pupils, blurred vision, weakness, nausea, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, and tightness in the chest.

The toxicity of compounds suggested for additional experimentation is in most cases not well-known. Extreme precautions should be observed in their use until more information is available concerning their toxicity.

Preventing skin absorption.--Many of the new insecticides are almost as poisonous when in contact with the skin or eyes as when taken orally. Such contact may occur through spillage or the deposition of fine mist or dust during application of insecticides. Direct measurements of the exposure of agricultural workers during ordinary spraying procedures have shown the amount of poison deposited on the exposed parts of the skin was very much greater than the amount of poison which they inhaled. With the exception of aerosols, agricultural sprays and dusts have relatively large particles. When such particles are inhaled, they do not reach the lungs but are eventually brought into the throat and swallowed. Thus skin absorption constitutes the greatest danger in using many of the new insecticides, and yet it is the source of insecticide injury most likely to be ignored.



Liquid concentrates are particularly hazardous. Load and mix in the open. If concentrate is spilled on the skin or clothing, wash the skin immediately and change to clean clothing. Contaminated shoes are a serious hazard. Bathe at the end of the work period. Launder work clothes daily and change shoes when necessary. Wear natural or other insecticide resistant rubber gloves while handling highly toxic compounds. Have a change of clothing and soap and water at hand in the field.

Preventing oral intake.--Keep food away from direct contact with all insecticides and also keep it away from the possible fumigant action of volatile chemicals. Wash exposed portions of the body thoroughly before eating or drinking. Do not smoke or otherwise contaminate the mouth area before washing the face and hands.

Preventing respiratory intake.--Wear an approved respiratory device when using highly toxic phosphorus compounds or heavy concentrations of other insecticides. Decontaminate the respirator between operations by washing and replacing felts and/or cartridges at recommended intervals of use. An ARS release entitled "Respiratory Devices for Protection Against Inhalation Hazards of Dust, Mists, and Low Vapor Concentrations of Certain Pesticides" dated March 20, 1961 gives the latest information on respirators and gas-mask canisters that will afford protection against various insecticides. Copies of this release can be obtained from the Cotton Insects Research Branch, Entomology Research Division, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland.

Additional Precautions.--Regular users of phosphorus compounds should have their blood cholinesterase level checked before the start of a season's work and periodically thereafter. It is advisable to have on hand a small supply of 1/100-grain atropine tablets for emergency use as prescribed by medical authorities in case of poisoning.

Excess dust or spray materials should be buried. Empty paper bags and cartons should be burned immediately in the open. Empty metal containers should be smashed beyond possibility of reuse and buried. Metal containers of emulsifiable concentrates carried to the field should be placed in the shade. Agitation of closed containers that have been left in the sun can result in pressure buildup in the container with a resultant exploding of the contents when the top is removed. Unused insecticides should be kept in the original container and stored in places inaccessible to children, irresponsible persons, or animals.

Advantage should be taken of wind direction and location of fields to avoid direct application of highly toxic insecticides to dwellings, stock barns, and highways.

Airplane pilots applying insecticides should not assist in mixing or loading them. Persons making ground application of organophosphorus insecticides or loading aircraft with them should always be accompanied by at least one other person in the field.

Information on Poison Control Centers.--A publication "Directory of Poison Control Centers" is available upon request to the Public Health Service, Division of Accident Prevention, National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers, Washington 25, D. C. It lists facilities in each State which provide to the medical profession on a 24-hour basis information concerning the prevention and treatment of accidents involving exposure to poisonous and potentially poisonous substances.

Residues on plants.--Spraying or dusting should be done under conditions and in a manner to avoid excessive drift to adjacent fields where animals are pastured or where food or feed crops are being grown. Care in preventing drift is also essential as certain varieties of plants and kinds of crops may be injured by some insecticides.

In the development of new insecticides the possibility of deleterious residues remaining in cottonseed and seed products must be thoroughly investigated.

Residues of calcium arsenate on cotton or in fields to which it has drifted are particularly hazardous to grazing animals.

For more information concerning residues on cotton see statement on page 17 Restrictions on the Use of Cotton Insecticides.

Residues in soils.--Excessive insecticide residues in the soil may affect germination, rate of growth, and flavor of crops. Concentration of the residue is influenced by the insecticide or formulation used, amount applied, type of soil, and climatic conditions. Apparently there is no immediate hazard to the growth of any subsequent crops when amounts and concentrations recommended for the control of cotton insects are followed except in certain areas in the Carolinas where calcium arsenate is used on light sandy soils. Off-flavor may result in some root crops when grown in rotation with cotton that has received applications of BHC.

Protection of predators and parasites.--Predators and parasites play an important role in the control of cotton insects. Insecticides destroy these beneficial insects as well as harmful ones; therefore, the control program should be integrated to take maximum advantage of chemical, natural, and cultural controls. The use of insecticides that are selective for the pest species concerned and of minimum detriment to the beneficial species is desirable. When periodic inspections show that high populations of predators and parasites are present, deferring of insecticide treatments should be considered.

Protection of honey bees.--Every year pesticides applied to cotton cause extensive losses of honey bees. Much of this damage is needless and can be averted without reduced control of injurious pests, if proper precautions are taken.



Many cotton growers grow legumes and other crops that require pollination. For the benefit of the beekeeper, the cotton grower, and of agriculture in general every effort should be made to protect pollinating insects.

Bee losses can be reduced if the following general precautions are taken:

1. Choose the material least toxic to bees that will control the harmful pests.
2. Use sprays instead of dust.
3. Apply highly toxic materials when bees are not visiting the field.
4. Avoid drift of pesticide into the apiary or onto adjacent crops in bloom.
5. Reduce the number of applications to an absolute minimum.
6. Give the beekeeper advance notice that a highly toxic material must be used, so he may protect his bees. (Colonies can be confined under wet burlap tarpaulins for a day or longer.)
7. Confining the bees inside the hive during and for a time after application will prevent or reduce damage from pesticides of short residual toxicity.
8. Locating the apiary out of the usual drift path of the pesticide from the field will reduce the loss.
9. Application with ground equipment is less hazardous to bees than is airplane application.



The following grouping shows the relative toxicity to honey bees of currently recommended pesticides for control of cotton insects:

<u>Group 1</u>	<u>Group 2</u>	<u>Group 3</u>
Materials highly toxic to bees. The period that they remain toxic in the field varies with the material from a few hours to more than 24 hours. Apply at night, confine bees or move them from the area. Do not apply over or permit drift into apiary. Notify beekeeper before these materials are applied so bees may be protected.	Materials moderately toxic to bees but non-toxic in the field a few hours after application. Use with ordinary precautions. Do not apply over or permit drift into apiary.	Relatively non-toxic materials which may be used at any time without serious injury to bees.
Aldrin	Chlorobenzilate	Aramite
Arsenicals	DDT	Demeton
BHC	Endrin	Dilan
Diazinon	Thiodan	Dylox
Dibrom	Trithion	Ethion
Dieldrin		Kelthane
Guthion		Strobane
Heptachlor		Sulfur
Lindane		Tedion
Malathion		Toxaphene
Methyl parathion		
Methyl Trithion		
Parathion (ethyl)		
Sevin		

Protection of fish and wildlife.--Insecticides can be used for cotton insect control without appreciable injury to fish and wildlife if recommended precautions are taken. It is especially important, however, to use minimum amounts where drift to ponds and streams is unavoidable.

Wherever possible cotton fields should be located away from ponds. Runoff from treated fields should be diverted from fish ponds. Where drift may create a problem, sprays are preferred to dusts and ground applications to aerial applications. Every precaution should be taken to avoid the pollution of streams and ponds when excess spray or dust materials are being disposed of or when equipment is being cleaned. There is comparatively less hazard to game animals and birds than to fish.

Additional safe guards.--Equipment which has been used for mixing and applying 2,4-D and other hormone-type weed killers should never be used for mixing and applying insecticides to cotton because of the danger of crop injury resulting from contamination of the equipment.

### Restrictions on the Use of Cotton Insecticides

Do not apply BHC to cotton in rotation with root crops.

Workers entering cotton fields within 5 days after treatment with endrin should wear clean tightly woven clothing.

Workers entering cotton fields on the day they are treated with methyl parathion should wear protective clothing.

Do not apply chlordane, chlorobenzilate, ethion, heptachlor, Methyl Trithion, or Tedion after bolls begin to open. Do not apply Aramite after bolls begin to open (30 days before harvest). Dosages of Dilan in excess of 1 pound per application should not be applied to cotton after bolls open.

Do not graze livestock in cotton fields treated with aldrin, Aramite, BHC, chlordane, chlorobenzilate, DDT, demeton, Diazinon, dieldrin, Dilan, endrin, ethion, heptachlor, Kelthane, Methyl Trithion, Strobane, Tedion, or Trithion.

Do not graze livestock in cotton fields treated late in the season with toxaphene.

Do not graze livestock within 14 days after application in cotton fields treated with Dylox.

Do not feed livestock gin waste from cotton treated with Aramite, chlorobenzilate, demeton, Diazinon, heptachlor, Methyl Trithion, Strobane, or toxaphene.

Allow 7 days between the last application of Sevin and grazing treated fields or harvesting crop residue for use as feed or bedding for dairy or meat animals.

Seed treated with aldrin, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor and lindane should not be used for food or feed.

The minimum number of days that should elapse between the time of the last insecticidal application and harvest for certain insecticides are as follows:

#### Hand harvest

4 days - Dibrom

5 days - Aldrin, dieldrin, endrin, methyl parathion, parathion

7 days - Dylox



Hand or mechanical harvest

5 days - Guthion (for 0.25 pound dosage)

14 days - Diazinon, Dilan, Kelthane

21 days - Demeton, Guthion (for dosages above 0.25 pound)

## Formulations

Most insecticides and miticides commonly used for control of cotton pests may be readily formulated into either sprays or dusts. Stable formulations of some materials have proved very difficult to make. Research on formulation is continually providing more satisfactory materials with greater stability.

Dusts.--Most organic insecticides and miticides are commonly used in dusts with talc, clay, calcium carbonate, pyrophyllite, diatomaceous earth, or sulfur as the carrier. The value of formulations with proper dusting characteristics is to be emphasized. Erratic results and poor control are sometimes caused by inferior formulations, although frequently poor results caused by improper application or timing are blamed on formulations. Some dusts containing high percentages of sulfur have undesirable dusting properties and may present a fire hazard.

Sprays.--Cotton insect and spider mite control has been highly successful when properly formulated sprays have been applied at rates ranging from 1 to 15 gallons per acre. Most of the organic-insecticide sprays used on cotton are made from emulsifiable concentrates. It is recommended that all insecticide formulations show conspicuously on the label the pounds of actual toxicant per gallon in emulsifiable concentrates. The pounds of toxicants specified should be consistent with the required label declaration of active ingredients. Occasional foliage injury has resulted from poorly formulated concentrates, or when the spray was improperly applied. Oil solutions of insecticides are not recommended for cotton, since most of them cause foliage injury. Emulsifiers and solvents should be tested for phytotoxicity before they are used in formulations. Phytotoxicity of emulsions may be aggravated by high temperatures, high concentrations, and drying winds.

Granules and fertilizer-insecticide mixtures.--Granulated formulations of insecticides and mixtures of insecticides and fertilizers are used for control of some soil insects. They are being used for white-fringed beetle and wireworm control in some areas. Granular formulations of some systemic insecticides are being used in some areas against certain foliage-feeding pests.

Mixtures of two or more insecticides.--Where more than one insect or spider mite is involved in a control program, insecticides are frequently combined to give control of the species involved. Bollworm and spider mite buildup frequently follows application of some insecticides, and for this reason DDT and a suitable miticide are added to some formulations.

Where an outbreak of aphids or spider mites is involved, a recommended organophosphorus insecticide may be used alone or may be combined in a boll weevil-bollworm formulation.



Emulsifiable concentrates of two or more insecticides may be formulated into recommended sprays in the field. When this is done, however, the quantity of solvent is increased which may in turn increase the phytotoxicity hazard.

Mixtures containing less than recommended dosages of several insecticides have frequently been unsatisfactory and are not recommended.

### Applications

Insecticides may be applied to cotton with either ground or aerial equipment. Generally sprays and dusts are equally effective. Regardless of equipment chosen, effective control is obtained only when applications give thorough coverage and are properly timed. Improper or unnecessary applications may result in a pest complex that can cause greater damage to the cotton crop than the insect that originally required control.

Ground application.--High-clearance rigs usually make possible efficient application in rank cotton with little mechanical injury to plants. Ground machines should be calibrated to apply the proper dosage for the speeds at which they will be operated.

For dust applications the nozzles should be adjusted to approximately 10 inches above the plants, with one nozzle over each row. Dusts should not be applied when the wind velocity exceeds 5 miles per hour. Dusts are usually applied at 10 to 20 pounds to the acre except in the Far West, where heavier dosages are required.

For spraying seedling cotton under conditions of straight and uniform row spacing it is suggested that one nozzle per row be used. As the cotton grows the number should be increased to two or three and in rank growth to as many as five or six in some areas. Nozzles without drops spaced 20 inches apart on the boom are used in some areas for mid- and late-season control.

The nozzles should be adjusted to approximately 10 inches above the plants, and be capable of delivering from 1 to 15 gallons per acre. Sprays may be applied at wind velocities up to 15 miles per hour.

Emulsifiable concentrates should be diluted immediately before use. Some type of agitation, generally the bypass flow, is necessary during the spray operation to insure a uniform mixture.

As a safety measure it is recommended that the spray boom be located behind the operator.

Aerial application.--In aerial applications the swath width should be limited to the plane's wing span, or not more than 40 feet. When insect populations are extremely heavy, it may be advantageous to narrow the swath width. A method of flagging or marking should be used to insure proper distribution of both sprays and dusts.

Applications of dusts should not be made when the wind velocity exceeds 4 miles per hour. Emulsifiable concentrates should be mixed with water to the desired dilution immediately before use. Planes should be equipped with standard nozzles or other atomizing devices that will produce droplets within the range of 100 to 300 microns. They should be equipped to deliver from 2 to 10 gallons per acre depending on local conditions. Sprays may be applied at wind velocities up to 8 miles per hour. Insecticidal sprays that are strictly contact in action and that are to be directed against insects which are confined to the under surface of the leaves cannot be adequately applied to cotton by aircraft.

Timing of applications.--Correct timing is essential for satisfactory cotton-insect control. Consideration must be given to the overall populations and stages of both beneficial and harmful insects rather than to those of a single insect. The stage of growth of the cotton plant and expected yield are important. Since the use of insecticides often induces outbreaks of aphids, bollworms, and spider mites, they should be applied only where and when needed.

Early-season applications should be made to control aphids, beet armyworm, cutworms, darkling ground beetles, grasshoppers, or other insects which threaten to reduce a stand. Recommendations for early-season applications against the boll weevil, the cotton fleahopper, plant bugs, and thrips vary greatly from State to State. Differences in infestations of these insects as well as many other production factors make it undesirable to attempt to standardize recommendations for early-season control.

It is generally recommended that suitable insecticides be applied to cotton during its maximum period of fruiting and maturing of the crop, if infestations threaten to reduce the yield, seriously affect quality, or delay maturity. Recommendations for insecticide treatments are similar throughout the Cotton Belt, but certain details differ from State to State, and often within a State. The State Guide for Controlling Cotton Insects should be followed.

## RESISTANCE TO INSECTICIDES

Resistance to insecticides is the ability in insect strains to withstand exposure to an insecticide dosage which exceeds that of a normal susceptible population, such ability being inherited by subsequent generations of the strain.

Resistance of cotton pests to insecticides has developed rapidly in recent years. Since 1947 when organic chemicals began to have wide usage on cotton, 18 species of insects and spider mites which attack the crop are known to have developed resistance and several other species are strongly suspected of having developed resistance to them. One or more of these resistant species occur in localized areas in 13 of the 14 cotton-growing States from California to North Carolina. In most cases the pests are resistant to the chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides but 4 species of mites are known to be resistant to organo-



phosphorus compounds and another is strongly suspect. There is evidence that the bollworm has developed a low level of resistance to DDT in several areas.

Resistance of most species continues to be restricted to relatively small areas and no species is known to be resistant throughout the range of its occurrence. However, the boll weevil is known to be resistant in localized areas in 10 of the 11 States in which it occurs from Texas to North Carolina.

The following is a tabulation of the pests known to be resistant to certain insecticides in one or more areas of the States listed below:

<u>Pest</u>	<u>Insecticides</u>	<u>States</u>
Beet armyworm	Endrin, DDT, toxaphene dust Chlorinated hydrocarbons	Arizona California
Boll weevil	Chlorinated hydrocarbons	Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas
Cabbage looper	DDT	Alabama, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas
	Chlorinated hydrocarbons	Arkansas, California Oklahoma
	DDT, endrin, toxaphene	Arizona
Cotton aphid	BHC(gamma)	Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana Tennessee
Cotton fleahopper	Chlorinated hydrocarbons	Texas
Cotton leaf perforator	Chlorinated hydrocarbons DDT	California Arizona
Cotton leafworm	BHC, toxaphene Chlorinated hydrocarbons	Louisiana Arkansas, Texas
Lygus bugs <u>Lygus hesperus</u>	Chlorinated hydrocarbons DDT	California Arizona
Pink bollworm	DDT	Durango and Coahuila, Mexico
Salt-marsh caterpillar	Toxaphene, DDT, endrin	Arizona, California

<u>Pest</u>	<u>Insecticides</u>	<u>States</u>
Southern garden leaf-hopper	DDT	California
Spider mites		
<u>Tetranychus atlanticus</u>	Organophosphorus	California
<u>cinnabarinus</u>	compounds except	do
<u>telarius</u>	phorate seed or	do
<u>pacificus</u>	soil treatment	do
<u>atlanticus</u>	Malathion, parathion	Alabama
<u>cinnabarinus</u>	Malathion, parathion, methyl parathion	Alabama
<u>cinnabarinus</u>	Organophosphorus compounds	Arizona
Stink bug		
<u>Euschistus conspersus</u>	Chlorinated hydrocarbons	California
Thrips		
<u>Frankliniella</u> --mixture of species	Dieldrin, endrin	California
<u>F. occidentalis</u>	Toxaphene	New Mexico
	Chlorinated hydrocarbons	Texas
<u>Thrips tabaci</u>	Chlorinated hydrocarbons	Texas

Resistance of cotton pests to recommended insecticides is a serious problem. It emphasizes the importance of using every known means possible to alleviate the difficulty to the extent that control may be maintained. This includes the use of pesticides having different physiological modes of action from those to which resistance has been developed and in utilizing cultural practices, especially early stalk destruction, in reducing populations of the boll weevil and the pink bollworm. Every advantage possible should be taken of biological control agents and where there is a choice, chemicals that are of minimum detriment to beneficial insects should be used.

#### EFFECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS ON INSECTICIDAL CONTROL

Failures to control insects have often been attributed to ineffective insecticides, poor formulations, poor applications and improper timing. Recently, resistance has been blamed for failures in local areas. Variations in humidity, rainfall, temperature, sunlight, and wind have been shown to influence the effectiveness of an insecticide applied to plants. These variations also influence the development of insect populations and plant growth. Inability to maintain a regular application schedule owing to excessive rains or high winds often results in loss of control at a critical period.



A combination of an adverse effect on the toxicity of the insecticide plus a favorable effect on growth of the plant and insect population may result in failure to obtain control. Conversely, conditions favorable to the insecticide and plants and adverse to the insect population will result in very effective control. Use of fertilizer and supplemental irrigation, although valuable in cotton production programs, may create conditions which make insect control difficult. Also, certain insects, in particular the boll weevil, become more difficult to kill with some insecticides as the season progresses. Therefore, one should consider all factors before arriving at a decision as to the specific ones responsible for the failure to obtain control.

### RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

Materials recommended for the control of cotton insects in one or more states are discussed in this section (see table 1, pages 42-43). In local areas certain insects have become resistant to one or more of the materials recommended. See Resistance to Insecticides, pages 20-22, for details.

#### Aldrin

Aldrin in a dust or spray will control the boll weevil, the cotton flea-hopper, flea beetles, false chinch bugs, grasshoppers, lygus bugs, the rapid plant bug, the tarnished plant bug, and thrips. (See sections on resistance, pages 20-22, and insects, pages 44-70). It will not control the cotton aphid, spider mites, and most lepidopterous larvae including the bollworm, the cotton leafworm, the garden webworm, the pink bollworm, and the yellow-striped armyworm. The use of aldrin and mixtures of aldrin and DDT may result in increased populations of aphids and spider mites. When bollworms are a problem 0.5 to 2 pounds of DDT should be added to aldrin.

Aldrin (plus a fungicide) dusted or slurried onto seed at the rate of 2 ounces per 100 pounds immediately before planting will protect seed and young seedlings from false wireworms, seed-corn maggot, and wireworms.

INSECTICIDES AND MITICIDES RECOMMENDED OR SHOWING  
PROMISE FOR THE CONTROL OF COTTON PESTS

Chlorinated  
hydrocarbons

Organic phosphorus  
compounds

Others

Recommended Materials

Aldrin	Demeton	Aramite
BHC	Diazinon	Calcium arsenate
Chlorobenzilate	Dibrom	Sevin
DDT	Di-Syston	Sulfur
Diieldrin	Dylox	Tedion
Dilan	Ethion	
Endrin	Guthion	
Heptachlor	Malathion	
Kelthane	Methyl parathion	
Lindane	Methyl Trithion	
Strobane	Parathion (ethyl)	
Thiodan	Phorate	
Toxaphene	Trithion	

Other Materials With Limited Label Acceptance Which May Be Used <sup>1/</sup>

Chlordane	Delnav	Nicotine
Ovex	EPN	Paris green

Materials Showing Promise in Field Tests

Shell SD-4402	Bayer 25141	<u>Bacillus thuringiensis</u>
	Bayer 29493	Bayer 37344
	Bayer 41831	Bayer 39007
	Dimethoate	Zectran
	Geigy 30493	
	Geigy 30494	
	Shell SD-3562	
	Shell SD-4294	
	Stauffer R-1504	

Materials Showing Promise in Cage and/or Laboratory Tests

General Chemical GS-1283	American Cyanamid 28865	Bayer 44646
	American Cyanamid 41770	Niagara 5767
	Bayer 38156	

<sup>1/</sup> For information on these materials, see earlier reports 1 through 13.



## Aramite

Aramite will control most species of spider mites (see section on insects, pages 58-61). Two applications 5 to 7 days apart may be required. Erratic results have been reported from some areas. Aramite has essentially no insecticidal activity. The acute toxicity of Aramite to warm-blooded animals is relatively low, but the potential hazard from a chronic standpoint is very high.

## BHC

BHC will control the boll weevil, cotton aphid, fall armyworm, fleahoppers, grasshoppers, lygus bugs, the rapid plant bug, and thrips. (see sections on resistance, pages 20-22, and insects, pages 44-64). It will not control the bollworm, cutworms, pink bollworm, salt-marsh caterpillar, spider mites, or yellow-striped armyworm. It has given erratic results against the cotton leafworm, and it has failed to control the cotton aphid in some areas.

Except for use in early-season control, BHC is usually formulated with DDT in the ratio of 3 parts of the gamma isomer to 5 parts of DDT in both dusts and sprays. In some of the western areas a standard formulation has been 2 parts of the gamma isomer to 5 parts of DDT. Where spider mites are a problem, the dust usually contains at least 40 percent of dusting sulfur. Other dusts contain either 2 or 3 percent of the gamma isomer of BHC and 10 percent of DDT and are usually preferred in areas where the bollworm or pink bollworm is the dominant problem. Sprays should be formulated to contain the same amount of each active ingredient as the dusts. It is very important that the emulsifiable concentrate containing BHC be properly formulated to prevent foliage or plant injury.

BHC should not be applied to cotton grown in rotation with root crops.

## Calcium Arsenate

Calcium arsenate will control the boll weevil and the cotton leafworm (see section on insects, pages 44-64). It has excellent dusting qualities. Against bollworms and the cabbage looper it will give fair control at 12 to 15 pounds per acre if applications are properly timed. Generally it is used undiluted against these insects. It often causes an increase in aphid populations when used without an aphicide. Alternate applications of calcium arsenate and methyl parathion or malathion have given excellent results against the boll weevil and the cotton aphid in some areas.

Calcium arsenate manufactured so as to contain relatively little free lime is compatible with organic insecticides; however, some commercial sources of so-called low-lime calcium arsenate have not been compatible with certain of them. When a mixture containing calcium arsenate, 5 percent of DDT, and 1 percent of parathion is used, boll weevil, bollworms, cotton aphid, some species of spider mites, and certain other pests are controlled. Low-lime calcium arsenate in combination with these materials should be applied at the rate of 10 to 12 pounds per acre.

High suspensible calcium arsenates have been developed for spraying. When these materials are used care in mixing and applying and good agitation are necessary to avoid excessive nozzle stoppage and line and pump wear.

Calcium arsenate residue in the soil is injurious to some crops, especially legumes and oats in certain sandy soils. It should not be used in fields where rice may be planted. Drifting of the dust may injure other crops, especially rice, soybeans, pecans, and peaches. Care should be taken to avoid drift that might cause bee losses, or onto pastures, especially when applications are made by airplane. Livestock should be kept out of treated fields.

Calcium arsenate is extremely hazardous to livestock grazing on contaminated feed or forage.

### Chlorobenzilate

Chlorobenzilate applied as a foliage spray will control the carmine, Pacific, strawberry (Atlantic), and two-spotted spider mites (see section on insects, pages 58-61).

### DDT

DDT will control the bollworm, beet armyworm, a buprestid beetle Psiloptera drummondi, darkling ground beetles, flea beetles, fleahoppers, garden webworm, the leaf roller Platynota stultana, lygus bugs, pink bollworm, potato leafhopper, stink bugs, tobacco budworm, thrips, western yellow-striped armyworm, and white-lined sphinx (see sections on resistance, pages 20-22, and insects, pages 44-70).

DDT will also control certain species of cutworms, and to a lesser extent the yellow-striped armyworm. Unsatisfactory results against thrips have been reported when the temperature exceeded 90° F.

A mixture of DDT at 1 pound and toxaphene or Strobane at 2 pounds per acre in a spray will control resistant boll weevils.

DDT will not control the cabbage looper, cotton aphid, cotton leafworm, grasshoppers, salt-marsh caterpillar, or spider mites.

Aphid and mite populations may increase until they cause severe injury where DDT is used, unless an aphicide or a miticide is included in the formulation.



## Demeton

Demeton, the principal active ingredient in Systox, is both a contact and a systemic insecticide with long residual systemic activity. When applied in a foliage spray, it is effective against cotton aphids and most species of spider mites for 2 to 8 weeks (see sections on resistance, pages 20-22, and insects, pages 44-64). It shows promise for control of the southern garden leafhopper. Demeton does not control the boll weevil, bollworm, cotton leafworm, grasshoppers, or the pink bollworm.

Demeton is extremely toxic to man and animals and should be used with adequate precautions.

## Diazinon

Diazinon in a spray will control the cotton leaf perforator and lygus bugs (see section on insects, pages 44-64). It appears promising for the control of leafhoppers (Empoasca spp.) and spider mites at dosages between 0.125 and 0.5 pound.

## Dibrom

Dibrom will control cutworms, and lygus bugs (see section on insects, pages 44-64). It is ineffective against the cabbage looper at 0.5 pound per acre and spider mites at 0.5 to 1 pound per acre.

## Dieldrin

Dieldrin will control the boll weevil, beet armyworm, cutworms, darkling ground beetles, false chinch bugs, field crickets, fleahoppers, flea beetles, garden webworm, grasshoppers, lygus bugs, rapid plant bug, stink bugs, and thrips. Dieldrin used in a seed treatment will also protect cotton seed and young seedlings from seed-corn maggots, false wireworms, and wireworms, except the tobacco wireworm under adverse cotton growing conditions, (see sections on resistance, pages 20-22, and insects, pages 44-70). Dieldrin is not effective against bollworms and the salt-marsh caterpillar at dosages usually recommended for boll weevil control. Aphids and spider mites may increase where dieldrin is used. Dieldrin will kill newly hatched cotton leafworms at dosages effective against the boll weevil. When bollworms are a problem associated with any of these insects, 0.5 to 2 pounds of DDT should be added to dieldrin.

## Dilan

Dilan in a spray will control the cotton leaf perforator and salt-marsh caterpillar (see section on insects, pages 44-64). It is not effective against the boll weevil, cotton aphid, spider mites or stink bugs.

## Di-Syston

Di-syston as a seed treatment or in granular form applied in the furrow at planting will control aphids, leaf miners, spider mites and thrips, 4 to 6 weeks after planting (see section on insects, pages 44-70). Overdosing with seed treatments may retard early growth especially under weather conditions unfavorable for emergence.

Planting seed should be treated only by custom operators who are able to treat seed adequately and uniformly with suitable precautions against hazard to operators.

Di-syston is extremely toxic to man and animals and should be used with adequate precautions.

## Dylox

Dylox as a spray will control the beet armyworm, darkling ground beetles, fleahoppers, leaf roller Platynota stultana, lygus bugs, western yellow-striped armyworm, cotton leaf perforator, stink bugs, salt-marsh caterpillar, and the southern garden leafhopper (see section on insects, pages 44-70). It is effective against pink bollworm moths, but not larvae, at 2 pounds per acre.

Dylox has given erratic results against bollworms and the cabbage looper. It was not effective against thrips at 0.5 to 1 pound per acre.

In some instances Dylox has been phytotoxic.

## Endrin

Endrin will control the boll weevil, bollworm, beet armyworm, brown cotton leafworm, cotton leaf perforator, cabbage looper, darkling ground beetles, false chinch bugs, field crickets, greenhouse leaf tier, cotton leafworm, cutworms, fall armyworm, fleahoppers, garden webworm, grasshoppers, lygus bugs, stink bugs, tobacco budworm, and thrips. Endrin used in a seed treatment will protect seed and young seedlings from seed-corn maggots, false wireworms, and wireworms (see sections on resistance, pages 20-22, and insects, pages 44-70). It will not control the pink bollworm or spider mites. Aphids usually do not build up after use of endrin but spider mites sometimes do.

Endrin is extremely toxic to man and animals and should be used with adequate precautions.

## Ethion

Ethion will control the cotton aphid and most species of spider mites (see sections on resistance, pages 20-22 and insects, pages 44-64).



## Guthion

Guthion will control the boll weevil, brown cotton leafworm, cotton leafworm, fleahoppers, lygus bugs, stink bugs, and thrips (see section on insects, pages 44-70). When bollworms are a problem associated with any of these insects, 0.5 to 2 pounds of DDT should be added to Guthion. Erratic results have been obtained against aphids and spider mites in some areas. It is ineffective against the beet armyworm and the salt-marsh caterpillar.

Guthion is extremely toxic to man and animals and should be used with adequate precautions.

## Heptachlor

Heptachlor will control the boll weevil, false chinch bugs, field crickets, fleahoppers, the garden webworm, grasshoppers, lygus bugs, stink bugs and thrips (see sections on resistance, pages 20-22, and insects, pages 44-70). When bollworms are a problem, 0.5 to 2 pounds of DDT should be added. It will not control the bollworm, the cotton aphid, the pink bollworm, spider mites, or the yellow-striped armyworm. Aphid and spider mite populations may increase where heptachlor or a heptachlor-DDT mixture is used. Research over a three-year period showed that two applications annually of 5 percent heptachlor granules, properly timed, at the rate of 40 pounds per acre controlled the boll weevil until late in the season in Alabama. However, unsatisfactory results were obtained in resistant areas in 1959. Such treatments were ineffective in Louisiana and South Carolina.

Heptachlor (plus a fungicide) dusted or slurried onto seed at 1 to 2 ounces per 100 pounds immediately before planting will protect seed and young seedlings from false wireworms, seed-corn maggots, and wireworms.

## Kelthane

Kelthane is an acaricide with little insecticidal activity. It will control some species of spider mites (see section on insects, pages 58-61). For best results sprays should be applied at a minimum of 20 gallons per acre. Kelthane sprays applied from airplanes have given erratic results.

## Lindane

Lindane (plus a fungicide) dusted or slurried onto seed at 1 to 2.25 ounces per 100 pounds of seed immediately before planting will protect seed and young seedlings from the seed-corn maggot, false wireworms and wireworms.

## Malathion

Malathion spray will control the boll weevil, cotton aphid, brown cotton leafworm, cotton leaf perforator, cotton leafworm, fall armyworm, fleahoppers, garden webworm, grasshoppers, lygus bugs, southern garden leafhopper, thrips and some species of spider mites (see section on insects, pages 44-70). Results against whiteflies have been erratic. It will not control the bollworm

and the salt-marsh caterpillar. When bollworms are a problem associated with any of these insects, 0.5 to 2 pounds of DDT should be added to malathion. In some areas 0.5 pound of malathion at 3-day intervals gave boll weevil control comparable to that obtained at 4- to 5-day intervals with higher dosages. Dust formulations have not been entirely satisfactory in some areas, probably due to instability.

### Methyl Parathion

Methyl parathion will control the boll weevil, cotton aphid, cotton leaf perforator, cotton leafworm, false chinch bugs, fleahoppers, lygus bugs, southern garden leafhopper, stink bugs, thrips, and a few species of spider mites, but it has a short residual toxicity (see section on insects, pages 44-70). It is not effective against the bollworm and pink bollworm. When bollworms are a problem associated with any of these insects, 0.5 to 2 pounds of DDT should be added to methyl parathion. For late-season boll weevil control a dosage of 0.25 pound at 3-day intervals is preferred over higher dosages at longer intervals. Although it is unsatisfactory for control of most species of spider mites, methyl parathion in a boll weevil schedule usually suppresses them. Only stabilized dust formulations should be used.

Methyl parathion is extremely toxic to man and animals and should be used with adequate precautions.

### Methyl Trithion

Methyl Trithion will control the boll weevil, cotton aphid, cotton leaf perforator, lygus bugs, and some species of spider mites (see section on insects, pages 44-64).

### Parathion (ethyl)

Parathion will control the brown cotton leafworm, cotton aphid, cotton leaf perforator, cotton leafworm, fleahoppers, lygus bugs, false chinch bugs, salt-marsh caterpillar, serpentine leaf miner, southern garden leafhopper, stink bugs, and most species of spider mites (see section on insects, pages 44-70). It gives very little control of the boll weevil, bollworm, fall armyworm, pink bollworm, variegated cutworm or whiteflies.

Parathion is extremely toxic to man and animals and should be used with adequate precautions.

### Phorate

Phorate as a seed treatment or in granular form applied in the furrow at planting will control aphids, leaf miners, spider mites and thrips 4 to 6 weeks from planting date (see section on insects, pages 44-70). Over-dosing with seed treatments may retard early growth especially under weather conditions unfavorable for emergence.



Planting seed should be treated only by custom operators who are able to treat seed adequately and uniformly with suitable precautions against hazard to operators.

Phorate is extremely toxic to man and animals and should be used with adequate precautions.

### Sevin

Sevin will control the boll weevil, bollworm, cotton leafworm, cotton leaf perforator, fall armyworm, fleahoppers, garden webworm, grasshoppers, the leaf roller Platynota stultana, lygus bugs, pink bollworm, salt-marsh caterpillar, southern garden leafhopper, stink bugs, and thrips (see section on insects, pages 44-70). Control of lygus bugs has been erratic in some areas. It does not control the beet armyworm, the black fleahopper Rhinacloa forticornis, Nysius raphanus, or spider mites. Aphids do not usually build up following its use but spider mites often do.

### Strobane

Strobane will control the boll weevil, bollworm, cotton leafworm, cotton leaf perforator, cutworms, fall armyworm, fleahoppers, garden webworm, grasshoppers, lygus bugs, stink bugs, and thrips (see sections on resistance, pages 20-22, and insects, pages 44-64). Control of the boll weevil and the bollworm is improved when DDT at 0.25 to 1 pound per acre is included with the Strobane spray. A mixture of Strobane at 2 pounds and DDT at 1 pound per acre will control resistant boll weevils. Its use may result in a buildup of cotton aphid and spider mite populations. Strobane will not control the salt-marsh caterpillar.

### Sulfur

Sulfur has been widely used in dust mixtures for control of the cotton fleahopper and certain species of spider mites (see section on insects, pages 44-64). Where the desert spider mite is a problem and for all spider mite species in Arizona, at least 40 percent of sulfur should be included in all dusts to prevent or suppress infestations. It will not control the Pacific or the two-spotted spider mite in most areas. In California excellent control of the strawberry spider mite has been obtained with sulfur at 25 to 35 pounds per acre. Sulfur is more effective when finely ground and when applied at temperatures of 90° F. or above. Precautions should be exercised in applying it to cotton adjacent to cucurbits.

### Tedion

Tedion will control most species of spider mites (see section on insects pages 58-61). This material is very slow in action at temperatures below 90° F. and appears to have long residual properties. It has little insecticidal activity.

### Thiodan

Thiodan will control the cotton leaf perforator and stink bugs (see section on insects, pages 44-64).

### Toxaphene

Toxaphene will control the beet armyworm, boll weevil, bollworm, cotton leafworm, cotton leaf perforator, cutworms, fall armyworm, flea beetles, fleahoppers, garden webworm, grasshoppers, lygus bugs, stink bugs, thrips, white-lined sphinx, and yellow-striped armyworm (see sections on resistance, pages 20-22, and insects, pages 44-70). Toxaphene will not control cabbage loopers, the pink bollworm or salt-marsh caterpillars. Control of the boll weevil, bollworm, and the cotton leaf perforator is improved where DDT at 0.25 to 1 pound per acre is incorporated in the toxaphene spray. A mixture of toxaphene at 2 pounds and DDT at 1 pound per acre as a spray will control resistant boll weevils. The use of this mixture frequently results in cotton aphid and spider mite buildup. The toxaphene-DDT dust mixture in the same ratio has given good results against resistant boll weevils in some areas.

### Trithion

Trithion will control the cotton aphid, cotton leaf perforator, lygus bugs, and most species of spider mites (see sections on resistance pages 20-22 and insects, pages 44-64 ). It appears to have long residual activity. It has shown some promise against the cotton leafworm and boll weevil but was not effective against the bollworm, cabbage looper, or stink bugs, and was erratic against salt-marsh caterpillars.



COMMON AND CHEMICAL NAMES OF INSECTICIDES  
USED FOR COTTON INSECT CONTROL

Common Name	Chemical Name	Other designations that have been used
Aldrin	1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-1,4,4a,5,8,8a-hexahydro-1,4- <u>endo-exo</u> -5,8-dimethanonaphthalene	compound 118 octalene HHDN 95% HHDN
*Aramite	2-( <u>p-tert</u> -butylphenoxy)-1-methylethyl 2-chloroethyl sulfite	compound 88R
BHC	1,2,3,4,5,6-hexachlorocyclohexane, consisting of several isomers and containing a specified percentage of <u>gamma</u>	benzene hexachloride gammexane 666 gammexane
	Calcium arsenate	
chlordane	1,2,4,5,6,7,8,8-octachloro-2,3,3a,4,7,7a-hexahydro-4,7-methanoindene	chlordan Velsicol 1068 Octa-Klor Octachlor
*Chlorobenzilate	ethyl 4,4'-dichlorobenzilate	Geigy 338 G-23992
DDT	1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis( <u>p</u> -chlorophenyl)ethane	chlorophenothane dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane
*Delnav	a mixture of 2,3- <u>p</u> -dioxanedithiol <u>S,S</u> -bis( <u>O,O</u> -diethyl phosphorodithioate)(70%) and related compounds	Hercules AC-428
demeton	<u>O,O</u> -diethyl <u>S</u> (and <u>O</u> )-2-(ethylthio)ethyl phosphorothioate	Systox
*Diazinon	<u>O,O</u> -diethyl <u>O</u> -(2-isopropyl-4-methyl-6-pyrimidinyl)phosphorothioate	G-24480
*Dibrom	1,2-dibromo-2,2-dichloroethyl dimethyl phosphate	RE-4355

Common Name	Chemical Name	Other designations that have been used
*Di-Syston	<u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -diethyl <u>S</u> -[2-(ethylthio)ethyl] phosphorodithioate	Bayer 19639
dieldrin	1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-6,7-epoxy-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydro-1,4- <u>endo-exo</u> -5-8-dimethanonaphthalene	compound 497 Octalox HEOD 85% HEOD
*Dilan	a mixture of 1 part of 1,1-bis( <u>p</u> -chlorophenyl)-2-nitropropane (Prolan) and 2 parts of 1,1-bis( <u>p</u> -chloro-phenyl)-2-nitrobutane (Bulan)	CS-708 CS-22870
*Dylox	<u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -dimethyl 2,2,2-trichloro-1-hydroxyethyl phosphonate	Bayer L 13/59 Dipterex
endrin	1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-6,7-epoxy-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydro-1,4- <u>endo-endo</u> -5,8-dimethanonaphthalene	compound 269
EPN	<u>O</u> -ethyl <u>O</u> - <u>p</u> -nitrophenyl phenyl-phosphonothioate	EPN-300
ethion	<u>O</u> , <u>O</u> , <u>O'</u> , <u>O'</u> -tetraethyl <u>S</u> , <u>S'</u> -methylenebisphosphorodithioate	Nialate Niagara 1240
*Guthion	<u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -dimethyl <u>S</u> -(4-oxo-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-(4 <u>H</u> )-ylmethyl) phosphorodithioate	Bayer 17147 Gusathion
heptachlor	3a,4,5,6,7,8,8-heptachloro-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro-4,7-methanoindene	Velsicol 104 E-3314
*Kelthane	1,1-bis( <u>p</u> -chlorophenyl)-2,2,2-trichloroethanol	Rohm & Haas FW-293
lindane	<u>gamma</u> -1,2,3,4,5,6-hexachloro-cyclohexane	<u>gamma</u> BHC 99% <u>gamma</u> BHC



Common Name	Chemical Name	Other designations that have been used
malathion	<u>S</u> -[ <u>1</u> ,2-bis(ethoxycarbonyl) ethyl] <u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -dimethyl phosphorodithioate	diethyl mercapto-succinic acid <u>S</u> -ester with <u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -dimethyl phosphorodithioate malathon compound 4049
methyl parathion	<u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -dimethyl <u>O</u> - <u>p</u> -nitrophenyl phosphorothioate	methyl homolog of parathion
*Methyl Tri-thion	<u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -dimethyl <u>S</u> - <u>p</u> -chlorophenylthio-methyl phosphorodithioate  nicotine sulfate	
ovex	<u>p</u> -chlorophenyl <u>p</u> -chlorobenzene sulfonate	Ovotran K-6451
parathion	<u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -diethyl <u>O</u> - <u>p</u> -nitrophenyl phosphorothioate	E-605 Compound 3422 Thiophos Niran
Paris green	copper acetate arsenite	Schweinfurth green Emerald green French green Parrot green
phorate	<u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -diethyl <u>S</u> -(ethylthio) methyl phosphorodithioate	Thimet Am. Cyanamid 3911
*Sevin	1-naphthyl methylcarbamate	Union Carbide 7744
*Strobane	terpene polychlorinates(65% chlorine)  Sulfur	compound 3961
*Tedion	2,4,4',5-tetrachlorodiphenyl sulfone	

Common Name	Chemical Name	Other designations that have been used
*Thiodan	A mixture of 6,7,8,9,10,10-hexachloro-1,5,5a, 6,9,9a-hexahydro-6,9-methano-2,4,3-benzodioxathiepin-3-oxide	Niagara 5462
toxaphene	chlorinated camphene containing 67-69% chlorine	compound 3956
*Trithion	<u>O</u> , <u>O</u> -diethyl <u>S</u> - <u>p</u> -chlorophenylthio-methyl phosphorodithioate	Stauffer R-1303

\* Indicates a proprietary name

THE COMPARATIVE TOXICITY TO MAN AND ANIMALS OF THE  
PESTICIDES RECOMMENDED FOR COTTON INSECT CONTROL

<u>Chlorinated hydrocarbons</u>	<u>Organic phosphorus compounds</u>	<u>Others</u>
	<u>Moderately toxic</u>	
Aldrin	Diazinon	Aramite <u>1</u> /
BHC	Dibrom	Calcium arsenate <u>2</u> /
Chlorobenzilate	Dylox (Dipterex)	Sevin
Chlordane	Ethion	Tedion
DDT	Malathion	
Dieldrin	Methyl Trithion	
Dilan	Trithion	
Heptachlor		
Kelthane		
Lindane		
Ovex		
Strobane		
Thiodan		
Toxaphene		



Extremely toxic

Endrin

Demeton (Systox)  
Delnav  
Di-Syston  
EPN  
Guthion  
Methyl parathion  
Parathion (ethyl)  
Phorate

Nicotine  
Paris green

1/ Acute toxicity is relatively low but potential hazard from a chronic standpoint is very high.

2/ Extremely hazardous to livestock grazing on contaminated feed or forage.

MATERIALS SHOWING PROMISE IN FIELD,  
CAGE, AND/OR LABORATORY TESTS

Materials which have shown promise in the testing programs of the State Agricultural Experiment Stations and the U. S. Department of Agriculture are indicated below. These materials are not recommended for grower use, but they are recommended to research workers for further testing and study.

Materials showing promise in field tests

Bacillus thuringiensis

In 1960, this pathogen applied at 30 to 40 pounds of dust per acre showed promise for control of the cabbage looper and the salt-marsh caterpillar. In 1961 a dust ( $25 \times 10^9$  spores/gm) applied at 40 pounds per acre was promising against the cotton leafworm.

Available data indicate little or no hazard associated with the use of this pathogen. Ordinary precautions are recommended in connection with its use.

Bayer 25141 (O,O-diethyl O-p-methylsulfinylphenyl phosphorothioate)

In 1960 and 1961 a spray of this material applied at 0.5 pound per acre showed promise for control of the boll weevil. In 1961 it showed promise for control of thrips at 0.4 pound per acre, the tarnished plant bug at 0.25 pound, and the spider mite Tetranychus lobosus at 0.5 pound.

Bayer 25141 is extremely toxic to man and animals and should be used with adequate precautions.

Bayer 29493 (O,O-dimethyl O,-[4-(methylthio)-m-tolyl] phosphorothioate)

In 1960 and 1961 this material showed promise against the boll weevil at 0.5 pound per acre, the cotton fleahopper and cotton leafworm at 0.25 pound per acre, and thrips at 0.25 to 0.34 pound. It also showed promise against Lygus hesperus at 1.0 pound per acre and the tarnished plant bug at 0.25 pound.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Bayer 37344 (4-(methylthio)-3,5-xylyl methylcarbamate)

In preliminary small-plot field tests in 1960 a wettable powder of this material applied at 2 pounds per acre was promising against the pink bollworm, bollworm, and boll weevil. In 1961 a 5 percent dust at 1 pound of technical material per acre showed promise against Lygus hesperus.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Bayer 39007 (o-isopropoxyphenyl methylcarbamate)

In 1961 a 50 percent wettable powder of this material applied at 1 pound per acre was promising against Lygus hesperus. A 5 percent dust applied as a sidedressing application at the rate of 5 pounds per acre was promising against adult boll weevils.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Bayer 41831 (O,O-dimethyl O-4-nitro-m-tolyl phosphorothioate)

In 1961 a dust of this material applied at 1 pound per acre showed promise against the boll weevil and bollworm.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Dimethoate (O,O-dimethyl S-(N-methylcarbamoylmethyl) phosphorodithioate)

In 1961 sprays of dimethoate showed promise against Lygus hesperus at 0.25 to 1 pound per acre and stink bugs at 0.5 to 1 pound.

This material is moderately toxic to man and animals and due caution should be exercised in its use.



Geigy 30493 (S-(3,4-dichlorophenylthio) methyl O,O-dimethyl phosphorodithioate)

In 1961 tests this material applied at 0.5 pound per acre was promising against thrips.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Geigy 30494 (S-(2,5-dichlorophenylthio) methyl O,O-dimethyl phosphorodithioate)

In 1960 and 1961 this material applied as a spray showed promise against the boll weevil at 0.5 pound per acre, cotton leafworm and tarnished plant bug at 0.25 pound, and thrips at 0.25 and 0.34 pound.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Shell SD-3562 (dimethyl 1-(dimethylcarbamoyl)-1-propen-2 yl phosphate)

In 1961 a spray of this material showed promise against lygus bugs and the cotton leaf perforator at 0.3 pound per acre and against aphids, thrips, and the spider mites Tetranychus lobosus and T. cinnabarinus at 0.1 pound per acre.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Shell SD-4294 (dimethyl 1-(alpha-methylbenzyloxycarbonyl)-1-propen-2-yl phosphate)

In 1961 tests this material was promising against thrips at 0.13 pound per acre and showed some promise against the boll weevil and bollworm at 0.8 pound per acre.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Shell SD-4402 (4,7-Methanoisobenzofuran, 1,3,4,5,7,8,8-octachloro-3a,4,7,7a-tetrahydro-)

In 1960 and 1961 tests a 1.5 percent dust of this material applied at the rate of 0.375 pounds of the technical material per acre showed promise against the boll weevil and sprays at 0.25 to 0.5 pound per acre were promising for control of the bollworm, cotton leafworm, and lygus bugs.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Stauffer R-1504 (O,O-dimethyl S-phthalimidomethyl phosphorodithioate)

In 1960 and 1961 tests this material showed promise in a spray against the boll weevil and lygus bugs at 0.25 to 0.5 pound per acre and against thrips at 0.34 pound. A spray of Stauffer R-1504 at 0.8 plus DDT at 2 pounds per acre was promising against lygus bugs, the cotton leaf perforator, and bollworm.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Zectran (4-dimethylamino-3,5-xylyl methylcarbamate)

In 1961 tests a spray of this material showed promise against the boll weevil at 1 to 1.5 pounds per acre, bollworm and cabbage looper at 0.75 to 1.5 pounds, lygus bugs at 0.25 to 1 pound, thrips at 0.34 pound, and the cotton leaf perforator, salt-marsh caterpillar, and stink bugs at 0.75 to 1 pound. A carbon powder seed treatment in which 0.4 to 0.8 pound of technical material was applied per acre showed promise against the black cutworm and yellow-striped armyworm.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Materials showing promise in cage and/or laboratory tests

American Cyanamid 28865 (dimethyl p-sulfamoylphenyl phosphate)

A spray of this material at 0.25 to 0.5 pound per acre showed promise against the boll weevil.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

American Cyanamid 41770 (dimethyl p-dimethylsulfamoyl-phenyl phosphate)

A spray of this material at 0.25 to 0.5 pound per acre showed promise against the boll weevil.

A toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Bayer 38156 (O-ethyl S-p-tolyl ethylphosphonodithioate)

Sprays of this material at 0.5 to 1 pound per acre showed promise against the bollworm, pink bollworm, and lygus bugs.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.



Bayer 44646 (4-dimethylamino-m-tolyl methylcarbamate)

This material showed promise against the bollworm, pink bollworm, and cabbage looper when applied at the rate of 0.5 to 1 pound per acre but residual effectiveness was only fair.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

General Chemical GC-1283 (Dodecachlorooctahydro-1,3,4-metheno-2H-cyclobuta (cd) pentalene)

A 50 percent wettable powder of this material at 0.5 to 1 pound per acre showed promise against the bollworm.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Niagara 5767 (S-[(5-methoxy-4-oxo-4 H-pyran-zyl) methyl] O,O-dimethyl phosphorothioate)

A 50 percent wettable powder of this material was promising against the boll weevil at 1.5 to 2 pounds per acre.

The toxicity of this compound is not fully known but extreme caution should be observed in its use.

Table 1. Recommended Dosages for the Principal Insecticides Used for the Control of Cotton Pests 1/  
(Pounds per acre of technical material in a dust or emulsion spray)

Insecticide	Boll weevil	Bollworm or Tobacco budworm	Cabbage looper	Cotton aphid	Cotton leaf perforator	Cotton leafworm	Cutworms	Fall armyworm
Aldrin	0.25-0.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
BHC (gamma)	.3-.5	--	--	0.3-0.5	--	0.4	--	0.4
Calcium arsenate	7-15	--	--	--	--	7-15	--	--
DDT	--	1-3	--	--	--	--	1-2 <u>2/</u>	.5-1
Demeton	--	--	--	.125-.25	--	--	--	--
Diazinon	--	--	--	--	.5	--	--	--
Dibrom	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25	--
Dieldrin	.15-.5	--	--	--	--	--	.25-.3 <u>2/</u>	--
Dilan	--	--	--	--	.7	--	--	--
Di-Syston <u>3/</u>	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Dylox	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Endrin	.2-.5	.2-.5	.4-.5	--	.5	.2-.5	.2-.5	.2
Ethion	--	--	--	.5-1	--	--	--	--
Guthion	.25-.5	--	--	--	--	.25-.375	--	--
Heptachlor	.25-.75	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Malathion	1-2	--	--	.5-1.5	.6-1	.25-.5	--	1-2
Methyl parathion	.25-.5	--	--	.25-.75	.5-1	.125-.25	--	--
Methyl Trithion	.33-.5	--	--	.5	.5	--	--	--
Parathion(ethyl)	--	--	--	.1-.6	.5-1	.125-.25	--	--
Phorate <u>3/</u>	--	--	--	.25-1	--	--	--	--
Sevin	1-2.5	1-2.5	--	--	1.5-2	1-1.25	--	1-2
Strobane	2-4	2-4	--	--	4	2.5	2-4	2-4
Thiodan	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Toxaphene	2-4	2-4	--	--	4	2-2.5	2-4	2-4
Trithion	--	--	--	.5	1	--	--	--



Table 1 (continued). Recommended Dosages for the Principal Insecticides Used for the Control of Cotton Pests 1/ (Pounds per acre of technical material in a dust or emulsion spray).

Insecticide	Fleahoppers	Garden webworm	Grass-hoppers	Lygus bugs and other mirids	Pink Bollworm	Salt-marsh Caterpillar	Stink bugs	Thrips
Aldrin	0.25	--	0.1-0.25	0.25-0.75	--	--	--	0.08-0.15
BHC (gamma)	.25-.5	--	.3-.5	.25-.5	--	--	--	.13-.25
DDT	.66-1.05	1-2	--	.66-3.75	2-3	--	--	.17-.56
Diazinon	--	--	--	.5	--	--	--	--
Dibrom	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Diieldrin	.1-.25	.15-.25	.07-.25	.1-.5	--	--	.5	.05-.5
Dilan	--	--	--	--	--	0.7	--	--
Di-Syston 3/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Dylox	.75	--	--	1-1.5	--	1.5	1.5	--
Endrin	.1-.4	.2-.4	.2-.4	.1-.5	--	--	.4	.07-.3
Guthion	.125-.5	--	--	.16-.5	--	--	.5	.08-.25
Heptachlor	.25	.4	.25-.5	.25-.75	--	--	1	.08-.15
Malathion	.5-1	1-2	1-2	.5-1	--	--	--	.5-1
Methyl parathion	.25-.5	--	--	.25-.5	--	--	.5-1	.3
Methyl Trithion	--	--	--	.5	--	--	--	--
Parathion (ethyl)	.5	--	--	.5	--	.5	.5-1	--
Phorate 3/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25-1
Sevin	.5-2	1-2	1-2	.66-2.5	2-2.5	2	2-2.5	.35-1
Strobane	1-4.8	2-4	2-4	1-4	--	--	4	.8-2.25
Thiodan	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--
Toxaphene	1-5	2-4	1-4	1-4	--	--	4	.8-2.25
Trithion	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--

1/ Information on recommended insecticides for the following insects not shown above is found on the following pages: Beet armyworm p. 44, Darkling ground beetles p. 51, Field crickets p. 66, Seed-corn maggot p. 58, White-fringed beetles p. 63, Wireworms p. 64, Yellow-striped and Western yellow-striped armyworms p. 64.

2/ Does not control all species.

3/ Seed or in furrow granular treatment.

## COTTON INSECTS AND SPIDER MITES AND THEIR CONTROL

The insects and spider mites injurious to cotton and the recommended chemicals and procedures for their control are discussed in this section. Dosage ranges for insecticides recommended in one or more states for the control of cotton pests are given in table 1 pages 42-43. In local areas certain insects have become resistant to one or more of the insecticides recommended for general use. See Resistance to Insecticides pages 20-22, for details.

### BEET ARMYWORM, Spodoptera exigua (Hbn.)

The following insecticides will control the beet armyworm at the indicated dosages of technical material (see statement on resistance, pages 20-22):

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts	
DDT.....	1-1.5
Dylox.....	1-1.5
Diieldrin.....	0.15
Endrin.....	.3
Toxaphene.....	2.5

#### Sprays only

Dibrom-endrin.....	0.5 plus 0.4
Dilan-endrin.....	.9 plus .3

The beet armyworm is primarily a pest of seedling cotton, but it may also attack older plants. Squares and blooms may be destroyed, and feeding on the bracts may cause small bolls to shed.

### BOLL WEEVIL, Anthonomus grandis Boh.

The boll weevil occurs throughout the cotton producing area of the United States except in certain areas of west and northwest Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and California. It occurs throughout Mexico except in some areas in the northwestern portion; in Colombia and Venezuela in South America; in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala in Central America; and in Cuba and Haiti. Its principal host plant is cotton, Gossypium spp. It has been found in the field feeding and reproducing on three other host plants-- seaside mahoe, Thespesia populnea Soland; cotton of the savanna, Cienfuegosia affinis (H.B.K.)(Kochr); and C. sulphurea (St. Hil.) Garcke. These plants are strictly subtropical or tropical. It has also reproduced on hollyhock, Althea rosea L. under cage conditions.



During the past two years the boll weevil has spread considerably in West Texas and is now a distinct threat to cotton production in the irrigated sections of the Southwest, including the cotton producing areas of New Mexico and Arizona. It also occurs in Northwest Mexico less than 100 miles from the California border. During 1961 it was found in every county in extreme Southwest Texas and in Floyd and Armstrong Counties in the High Plains.

The effectiveness of insecticides approved for its control will vary not only in different localities but also with the season. The choice of insecticides will be determined by their effectiveness in the particular area where the insect is to be controlled (see section on resistance, pages 20-22). Dosages of technical material that have controlled the boll weevil in one or more areas are as follows:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
Aldrin.....	0.25-0.75
BHC (gamma).....	.3-.5
Calcium arsenate.....	7-15
Diieldrin.....	.15-.5
Endrin.....	.2-.5
Guthion.....	.25-.5
Heptachlor.....	.25-.75
Malathion.....	1-2
Methyl parathion.....	.25-.5
Methyl Trithion.....	.33-.5
Sevin.....	1-2.5
Strobane.....	2-4
Toxaphene.....	2-4
Endrin-DDT.....	.2 plus 1
Endrin-methyl parathion.....	.3 plus .25
Strobane-DDT.....	2-4 plus 1-2
Toxaphene-DDT.....	2-4 plus 1-2

When these insecticides are used for boll weevil control, other insect problems have to be considered. Infestations of the cotton aphid, the bollworm, spider mites, and the tobacco budworm may develop when some of these insecticides are used alone. To avoid a rapid build-up of the bollworm and the tobacco budworm, DDT should always be added to BHC, diieldrin, Guthion, malathion, methyl parathion, and Methyl Trithion. (For rates see sections under the respective insecticides or pests). Strobane and toxaphene, if properly timed, will control bollworms without DDT in some areas. However, if these materials are used alone late in the season, careful checks should be made at 3- to 5-day intervals, and if bollworm populations are found to be increasing, DDT should be included in subsequent applications or should be applied alone.

Aphids may build up rapidly after the use of calcium arsenate or DDT, or DDT formulated with dieldrin, endrin, Strobane or toxaphene. Spider mites may build up rapidly after the use of the last four chemicals and BHC, or Sevin either alone or with DDT. Careful checks should be made at 5- to 7-day intervals, and if these pests are found to be increasing control measures should be started at once. (See sections on cotton aphids and spider mites).

Insecticides should be applied for boll weevil control when definite need is indicated. Mid- and late-season applications should be made every 3 to 5 days as long as control is necessary. Fields should be inspected at least weekly until the crop is mature. Where early-season control is practiced, these applications are usually spaced a week apart during the period of abundance or overwintered weevils.

BOLLWORM, Heliothis zea (Boddie)  
and TOBACCO BUDWORM, H. virescens (F.)

The bollworm and the tobacco budworm are the common "bollworms" attacking cotton. Several other species of lepidopterous larvae that cause boll injury discussed elsewhere in this report, are the fall armyworm, pink bollworm, yellow-striped armyworm, and western yellow-striped armyworm.

Effective control of bollworms depends on the thoroughness and proper timing of insecticide applications. Frequent field inspections to determine the presence of eggs and young larvae during the fruiting period are essential. For the most effective control it is essential that insecticide applications be made when larvae are small.

Dosages of technical material that have controlled bollworms in one or more areas are as follows:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
DDT.....	1-3
Endrin.....	.2-.5
Sevin.....	1-2.5
Strobane.....	2-4
Toxaphene.....	2-4
Strobane-DDT.....	2-4 plus 1-2
Toxaphene-DDT.....	2-4 plus 1-2

In some areas where spider mites are a problem, organic insecticide dusts usually contain at least 40 percent of sulfur or an appropriate amount of some other suitable miticide.



## CABBAGE LOOPER, Trichoplusia ni (Hbn.)

The cabbage looper and related species are becoming more important as pests of cotton in many areas. They are difficult to control with insecticides. The following materials applied at 5-day intervals have given control in one or more areas (see section on resistance, pages 20-22).

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
Endrin.....	0.4-0.5
Dibrom-endrin.....	1 plus .2
Dibrom-toxaphene.....	1 plus 2
Endrin-methyl parathion.....	.4 plus .5
Toxaphene-DDT-parathion (ethyl)...	4.5 plus 1.5 plus .6

The cabbage looper is frequently controlled by a virus disease. When diseased loopers are commonly found, chemical control may be delayed or omitted.

## COTTON APHID, Aphis gossypii Glov.

Heavy infestations of the cotton aphid may occur on cotton after the use of certain insecticides, and on seedling cotton and sometimes older cotton where no insecticides have been applied (see section on resistance, pages 20-22).

Aphid build-up in the boll weevil areas can usually be prevented by any of the following treatments:

1. Endrin at 0.2 to 0.5 pound per acre in every application (where not formulated with DDT), in a dust or spray.
2. Guthion or methyl parathion at 0.25 to 0.5 pound or malathion at 1 to 2 pounds per acre in a dust or spray in every application or alternately with calcium arsenate.
3. Parathion (ethyl) 1 percent in low-lime calcium arsenate dust or added at the rate of 0.1 pound per acre to dusts or sprays of the following insecticides when formulated with DDT and used at the recommended rate for boll weevil control: BHC, dieldrin, Strobane, and toxaphene.
4. Sevin at 1 to 2 pounds per acre in every application in a dust or spray.
5. Toxaphene or Strobane at 2 to 3 pounds per acre in every application (where not formulated with DDT), in a dust or spray.

When aphid infestations are heavy and rapid kill is needed, any one of the following treatments is usually effective at the dosages of technical material shown below:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
BHC (gamma).....	0.3-0.5
Ethion.....	.5-1
Malathion.....	.5-1.5
Methyl parathion.....	.25-.75
Methyl Trithion.....	.5
Parathion (ethyl).....	.1-.6
Trithion.....	.5

Spray only:

Demeton.....	.125-.25
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Seed treatment: (see pages 28 and 30).

Di-Syston.....	1
Phorate.....	.25-.5

In furrow granular treatment: (see pages 28 and 30).

Di-Syston.....	1
Phorate.....	.5-1

#### COTTON FLEAHOPPER, Psallus seriatus (Reut.)

The cotton fleahopper frequently attacks cotton in Texas, Oklahoma, and to a lesser extent eastward during the early fruiting period of cotton. (see section on resistance, pages 20-22). It can be controlled with the following insecticides at the indicated dosages of technical material:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
Aldrin.....	0.25
BHC (gamma).....	.25-.5
DDT.....	.66-1.05
Diieldrin.....	.1-.25
Dylox.....	.75
Endrin.....	.1-.4
Guthion.....	.125-.5
Heptachlor.....	.25
Malathion.....	.5-1
Methyl parathion.....	.25-.5
Parathion (ethyl).....	.5



Sevin.....	.5-2
Strobane.....	1-4.8
Toxaphene.....	1-5
Dieldrin-DDT.....	.19-.28 plus .5
Endrin-DDT.....	.2-.3 plus .5
Heptachlor-DDT.....	.25-.375 plus .5
Strobane-DDT.....	.75-1.5 plus .375-.75
Toxaphene-DDT.....	.75-1.5 plus .375-.75

The black fleahopper complex, Spanogonicus albofasciatus (Reut.) and Rhinacloa forticornis (Reut.) occurs on cotton in the irrigated west. The former species also occurs in the Mississippi Delta. More information is needed on both of these species to clarify their roles as economic pests of cotton.

#### COTTON LEAF PERFORATOR, Bucculatrix thurberiella Busck

The cotton leaf perforator is at times a serious defoliator of cotton in certain areas of southern California and Arizona. It is controlled with any of the following insecticides at the indicated dosages of technical material (see section on resistance, page 20-22).

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
Diazinon.....	0.5
Dilan.....	.7
Dylox.....	1
Endrin.....	.5
Malathion.....	.6-1
Methyl parathion.....	.5-1
Methyl Trithion.....	.5
Parathion (ethyl).....	.5-1
Sevin.....	1.5-2
Strobane.....	4
Thiodan.....	1
Toxaphene.....	4
Trithion.....	1

Repeat applications may be necessary. Sprays are more effective than dusts. Avoid use of organophosphorus compounds during early season to protect beneficial insects.

If bollworms are present, DDT at the rate of 0.5 to 1.5 pounds per acre should be added to each of these insecticides except endrin, Sevin, Strobane and toxaphene.

## COTTON LEAFWORM, Alabama argillacea (Hbn.)

The following insecticides will control the cotton leafworm at the indicated dosages of technical material (see section on resistance, pages 20-22).

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
BHC (gamma).....	0.4
Calcium arsenate.....	7-15
Endrin.....	.2-.5
Guthion.....	.25-.375
Malathion.....	.25-.5
Methyl parathion.....	.125-.25
Parathion (ethyl).....	.125-.25
Sevin.....	1-1.25
Strobane.....	2.5
Toxaphene.....	2-2.5

## CUTWORMS

Several species of cutworms, including the following, may develop in weeds or crops, especially legumes, and then attack adjacent cotton or cotton planted on land previously in weeds or legumes:

Black cutworm, Agrotis ipsilon (Hufn.)  
Pale-sided cutworm, A. malefida Guen.  
Variegated cutworm, Peridroma saucia (Hbn.)  
Granulated cutworm, Feltia subterranea (F.)  
Army cutworm, Chorizagrotis auxiliaris (Grote)

Recommended control measures include thorough seedbed preparation, elimination of weed host plants, and the use of insecticides. In western areas irrigation forces the subterranean forms to the surface, where they may be treated with insecticides or destroyed by natural factors. If the vegetation in an infested area is plowed under, 3 to 6 weeks before the cotton crop is seeded, it may not be necessary to use an insecticide.

The following insecticides will control one or more species of cutworms at the indicated dosages of technical material:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
DDT.....	1-2
Dibrom.....	0.25
Diieldrin.....	.25-.3
Endrin.....	.2-.5
Strobane.....	2-4
Toxaphene.....	2-4
Toxaphene-DDT.....	1.5-2 plus .75-1



Poison baits containing DDT, dieldrin, endrin, or toxaphene have been satisfactory. Baits are frequently more effective than sprays or dusts against some species of cutworms.

DARKLING GROUND BEETLES, Blapstinus and Ulus spp.

Darkling Ground beetles, the adults of false wireworms, occasionally effect the stand of young cotton in the western areas. Adults on young plants may be controlled with DDT at 1 to 1.5 pounds, dieldrin at 0.375-0.5 pound, Dylox at 1.5 pounds, endrin at 0.4 pound, or heptachlor at 0.5 pound. The larvae may be controlled by slurring 2 ounces of aldrin, dieldrin, endrin, or lindane with a suitable fungicide onto each 100 pounds of planting seed.

FALL ARMYWORM, Laphygma frugiperda (J. E. Smith)

The fall armyworm occasionally occurs in sufficient numbers to damage cotton. The following insecticides will control it at the indicated dosages of technical material:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
DDT.....	0.5-1
Endrin.....	.2
Malathion.....	1-2
Sevin.....	1-2
Strobane.....	2-4
Toxaphene.....	2-4

The results obtained from these materials have varied in different states; therefore, local recommendations should be followed. (Also see bollworm, page 46.

GARDEN WEBWORM, Loxostege similalis (Guen.)

The garden webworm may be controlled on cotton with the following insecticides at the per-acre dosage indicated:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
DDT.....	1-2
Dieldrin.....	.15-.25
Endrin.....	.2-.4
Heptachlor.....	.4
Malathion.....	1-2
Sevin.....	1-2
Strobane.....	2-4
Toxaphene.....	2-4

DDT has given better control in sprays than in dusts, but is generally less effective than the other materials. Control measures should be applied as soon as possible after the worms appear.

## GRASSHOPPERS

Several species of grasshoppers, including the following, sometimes attack cotton:

American grasshopper, Schistocerca americana (Drury)  
Desert grasshopper, Trimerotropis pallidipennis pallidipennis (Burm.)  
Differential grasshopper, Melanoplus differentialis (Thos.)  
Lubber grasshopper, Brachystola magna (Gir.)  
Migratory grasshopper, Melanoplus bilituratus (Walker)  
Red-legged grasshopper, M. femurrubrum (DeG.)  
Two-striped grasshopper, M. bivittatus (Say)

The American grasshopper overwinters as an adult, and in the spring deposits eggs in the fields, but the other species overwinter as eggs in untilled soil, fence rows, sod waterways, around stumps, and similar locations. The species overwintering in the egg stage can best be controlled with early treatment of hatching beds before the grasshoppers migrate into the fields. Sprays or dusts have largely replaced poison baits, particularly where grasshoppers must be controlled on lush or dense vegetation.

BHC sprays and dusts usually kill the grasshoppers in a few hours, but results have been erratic and residual effectiveness is limited to 1 to 2 days.

Dosages of technical material suggested to control grasshoppers come within the following ranges:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
Aldrin.....	0.1-0.25
BHC (gamma).....	.3-.5
Diieldrin.....	.07-.25
Endrin.....	.2-.4
Heptachlor.....	.25-.5
Malathion.....	1-2
Sevin.....	1-2
Strobane.....	2-4
Toxaphene.....	1-4

The lowest dosages are effective against newly hatched to half-grown grasshoppers. The dosage should be increased as the grasshoppers mature or when the material is applied on partly defoliated plants or on plants unpalatable to the insects.



Baits made according to State and Federal recommendations still have a place in grasshopper control, particularly in sparse vegetation.

## LYGUS BUGS AND OTHER MIRIDS

Several species of lygus bugs and other mirids, including the following, are often serious pests of cotton (see section on resistance, pages 20-22).

Ragweed plant bug, Chlamydatus associatus (Uhl.)  
Rapid plant bug, Adelphocoris rapidus (Say)  
Superb plant bug, A. superbus (Uhl.)  
Tarnished plant bug, Lygus lineolaris (P. de B.)  
Other plant bugs, L. hesperus Knight and Neurocolpus nubilus (Say)  
(See section on Fleahoppers)

The mirids Reuteroscopus ornatus (Reut.), R. sulphureus (Reut.), and Paraxenetus guttulatus (Uhl.) also damage cotton. The latter two species were taken on cotton in Arkansas for the first time in 1960.

These insects cause damage to squares, blooms, and small bolls of cotton and constitute a major problem, particularly in the vicinity of alfalfa fields in the irrigated areas of the West.

The following insecticides will control lygus bugs and other mirids at the indicated dosages of technical material:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
Aldrin.....	0.25-0.75
BHC (gamma).....	.25-.5
DDT.....	.66-3.75
Diazinon.....	.5
Dibrom.....	1
Diieldrin.....	.1-.5
Dylox.....	1-1.5
Endrin.....	.1-.5
Guthion.....	.16-.5
Heptachlor.....	.25-.75
Malathion.....	.5-1
Methyl parathion.....	.25-.5
Methyl Trithion.....	.5
Parathion.....	.5
Sevin.....	.66-2.5
Strobane.....	1-4
Toxaphene.....	1-4
Trithion.....	1

PINK BOLLWORM, Pectinophora gossypiella (Saund.)

In 1961 the continuance of control efforts restricted infestations of the pink bollworm to only one-third of the country's cotton crop. The vast cotton-producing lands in California, Central Arizona, Western Mexico, and areas adjacent to the Mississippi delta, have been spared damage from this pest--and consequently have been spared also the considerable expense of control programs.

Of the more than 75,000 acres in Central Arizona that required treatment when the eradication program got under way in 1959, 32,000 acres required treatment in 1960, and only 11,000 acres needed treatment in 1961. Recent surveys indicate that less than 2,000 acres of the 1962 crop will require treatment. In 1961 DDT and Sevin were used in the following dosages: Sevin--2 pound actual toxicant per acre for the first 4 treatments, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds for the last 5; DDT--2 pounds per acre for the first 4 applications, and  $3\frac{3}{4}$  pounds for the last 5.

The following is a general review, by locations, of work done on the pink bollworm project in 1961, and an outline of the current pink bollworm situation in regulated cotton-growing States.

No pink bollworms were found in Arkansas in 1961. Stalk destruction and cleanup program was conducted under State quarantine regulations. Commercial damage to the 1961 cotton crop in Oklahoma was very light. Gin trash and lint cleaner inspections showed 6 counties negative, 20 "lightly" infested, and 3 south-central counties "medium" infested; this was a definite decrease of infestations in these counties over 1960. Surveys conducted in 43 parishes in Louisiana, through November 30, 1961, showed no pink bollworms.

The Federal quarantine lists all of Texas as "generally-infested area"; but no commercial damage from pink bollworms has been reported for 1960 or 1961. As a result of precautionary measures in effect in that State for many years, damage has been kept down and populations have been kept at a low enough level to insure increased protection for adjoining states to the east. A few counties in central Texas had higher pink bollworm populations than in 1960; this was attributed to delayed stalk destruction resulting from heavy rains.

Pink bollworm populations increased in eastern Arizona in 1961, but losses were light except in one section of Graham County where several fields had 80 percent of the bolls infested, with from 1 to 4 worms per boll. In addition to the program already in effect in California, the State recently instituted regulations (1) prohibiting stubbing, (2) requiring the maintenance of a host-free period, and (3) establishing cotton planting dates. Limited field surveys and gin lint cleaner inspection in New Mexico showed a slight increase in pink bollworm population in the lower Rio Grande Valley in 1961. Damage was negligible. In Nevada light-trap and gin-trash inspections were carried out. No pink bollworms have ever been recovered in Nevada.

The Department of Agriculture of the Republic of Mexico continues adamant in its determination to control infestation and prevent spread of pink bollworm from central and eastern areas of that country to its rich cotton-producing areas of Sinaloa, Sonora and Baja California. Regulatory measures are **enforced**,



and quarantine stations are maintained at strategic points, to prevent movement of infested products.

In spite of the success of the control program in reducing populations of pink bollworm in the infested states, an aggressive survey program has been continued in the southeastern cotton states east of the Mississippi Valley. Surveys conducted in Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, and Georgia, yielded no evidence of the presence of the pink bollworm.

See map on page 57 for regulated area in the United States, effective about March 1, 1962.

Quarantine requirements.--Since the Fourteenth Annual Conference Report there has been one revision of the regulated area which removed the Arkansas Counties of Clay, Craighead, and Mississippi. There is a proposed change to become effective about February 15, 1962, that will remove from regulation in Arkansas a portion of Ouachita County and all of Ashley, Bradley, Calhoun, Cleveland, Drew, Jefferson, and Union Counties. In Louisiana, all of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Ouachita, Vermilion, Vernon, and Winn Parishes will be released from regulation. These changes in the regulated area reflect results of the pink bollworm inspection of the 1961 crop.

The regulations, in general, require that all infested cotton or articles be treated to free them of living pink bollworms before they are moved to free areas. Copies of the State and Federal regulations may be obtained from the regulatory agencies of the affected states or from the Plant Pest Control Division field offices.

Cultural Control.--Approved cultural practices, the most effective means of controlling the pink bollworm when properly carried out, have greatly reduced the over-wintering population. The pink bollworm hibernates in the soil, or in bolls and seed left after harvest; therefore, destruction of this material aids considerably in the control of this pest. Mandatory cultural control zones are in effect in the southern, central, and eastern sections of Texas, and in regulated areas of Arkansas and Louisiana. Cultural practices used in pink bollworm control are effective in reducing the boll weevil carry-over for the next year. No general extensions have been granted in the mandatory cultural control areas this year, though in several zones of Texas, individual extensions were necessary because of unfavorable climatic conditions. However, the cultural control program is considered very effective. Recommended control practices include the following:

1. Shorten the planting period and plant at the optimum time for a given locality. Use seeds of an early-maturing variety, which have been culled, treated with a fungicide, and tested for germination.
2. Leave as thick a stand as has been recommended for a section and type of soil.
3. See that the cotton crop is produced in the shortest practicable time. Early-season control of certain insects has proved advantageous in some States but not in others. Practice early-season control where recommended by controlling aphids, the boll weevil, the cotton fleahopper, cutworms, thrips, and any other insects



which may retard the growth and fruiting of young plants. Protection of early fruit will assure an early harvest.

4. Withhold late irrigation and use defoliants or desiccants to hasten the opening of the bolls.
5. Shred and plow under cotton stalks as soon as possible after harvest. Okra stalks should be shredded and plowed under at the same time because this plant is a preferred secondary host.
6. In cold arid areas where winter irrigation is not feasible, leave stalks standing until lowest temperatures have occurred in order to secure a maximum kill of pink bollworms in the bolls on the stalks. However, if a large amount of crop debris such as seed cotton or locks is on the soil surface, a high survival of the pest may result so the stalks should be shredded and plowed under as early and as deeply as possible.

The flail type shredder is recommended over the horizontal rotary type for pink bollworm control. The flail shredder will kill about 85 percent of the pink bollworms left in the field after harvest, compared with 55 percent for the horizontal rotary type. The residue should be plowed under as deeply as possible. Pink bollworm winter survival is highest in bolls on the soil surface and is six times as high in bolls buried only 2 inches as compared with bolls buried 6 inches deep. All sprout and seedling cotton and okra developing after plowing should be destroyed before fruiting to create a host-free period between crops. In arid areas, if the crop debris is plowed under in the late fall or early winter, the fields should be winter-irrigated to increase pink bollworm mortality.

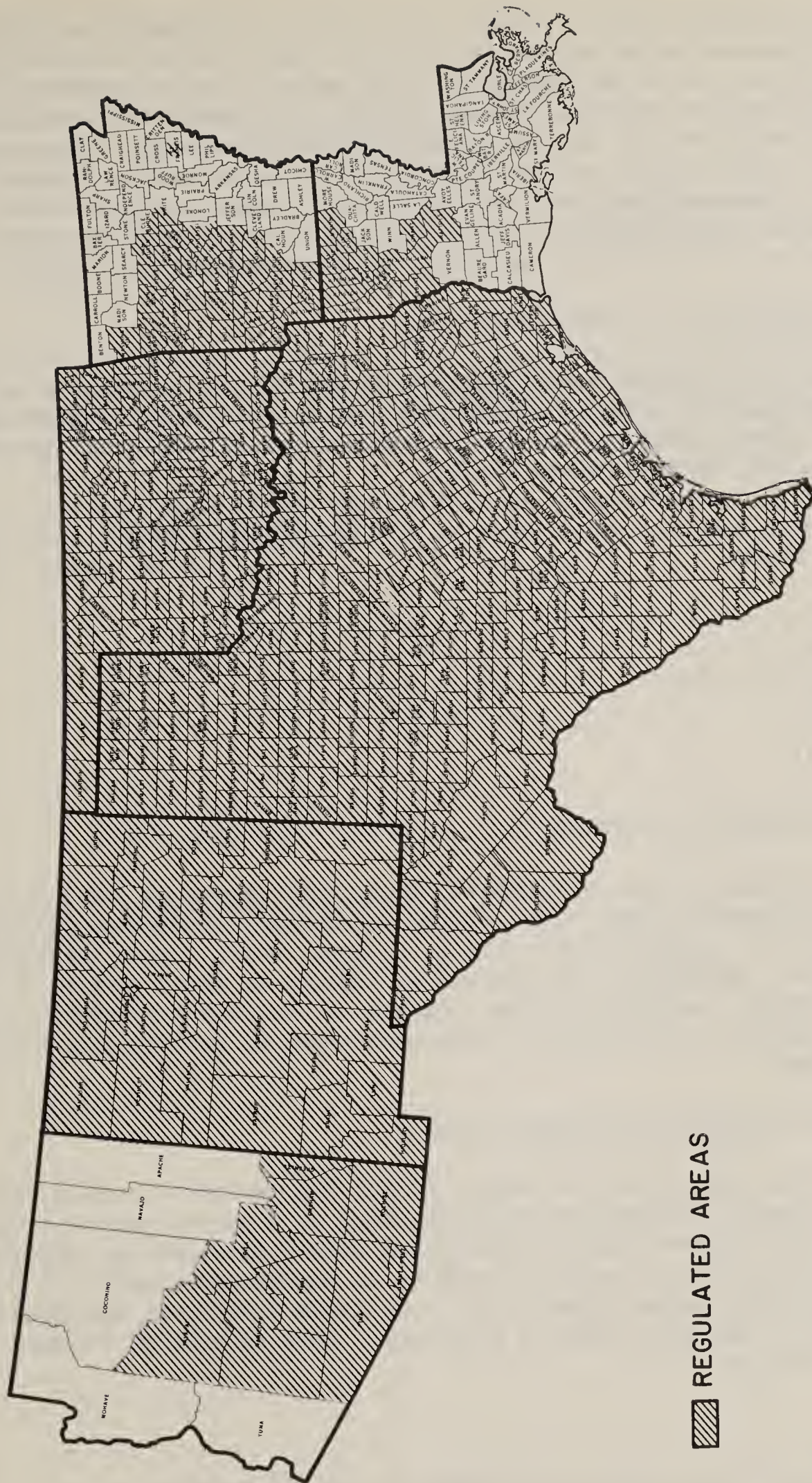
Control with insecticides.--Where infestations are heavy, crop losses from the pink bollworm can be reduced by proper use of insecticides. Weekly applications of 2 to 3 pounds of DDT, 0.25 to 0.5 pound of Guthion plus 1.5 to 1 pound of DDT, or 2 to 2.5 pounds of Sevin will control the pink bollworm. Guthion at 0.25 pound plus DDT at 1.5 pounds or Sevin at 1.5 to 2 pounds per acre when applied at 4- to 5-day intervals will control the boll weevil, bollworm, and pink bollworm. DDT can also be mixed with the other organic insecticides used for the control of cotton pests, and when the interval of application is 4 to 5 days the mixture should contain enough DDT to give 1 to 1.5 pounds per acre (see section on resistance, pages 20-22). The use of these insecticides for control of other cotton insects exerts a repressive effect on pink bollworm populations.

Eradication measures.--Eradication of the pink bollworm is possible in any given area not subject to constant reinfestation. Early programs of eradication were dependent primarily on nonproduction of cotton in the affected area plus a security zone around the known infestation. Practices currently in use in the eradication of the pink bollworm in central Arizona include a combination of such practices as (1) stalk destruction and field cleanup, (2) deep plowing under of crop residues or an approved combination of cross discing and winter irrigation and planting of a winter grain crop, (3) elimination of volunteer plants, (4) prohibition of production of stub cotton, coupled with a planting date established by state regulation to provide a host-free period (this is very effective as it results in suicidal emergence of moths when no fruit is available for oviposition), and (5) an approved insecticide program. Gin sanitation and heat treatment of cottonseed are considered an important phase of the overall eradication program in Arizona.



# PINK BOLLWORM REGULATED AREAS

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Recently improved stalk shredders, the use of which kill up to 85 percent of the pink bollworms in bolls passing through them, are more effective than the early developed rotary shredders and can be utilized to replace expensive hand cleaning formerly required. Also, better defoliants are available which can be applied when most of the bolls have reached maturity. This hastens opening of the bolls, which will in turn result in an earlier harvest, stalk shredding, and plow-under of crop residues. The importance of a short uniform planting period at the optimum time is recognized as an essential aid in the further reduction of initial infestations from overwintering larvae.

#### SALT-MARSH CATERPILLAR AND OTHER ARCTIIDS

The salt-marsh caterpillar, Estigmene acrea (Drury) is a late-season pest of cotton principally in western irrigated areas. It may be controlled with the following insecticides at the indicated dosages of technical material (see section on resistance, pages 20-22).

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays or dusts:	
Dilan.....	0.7
Dylox.....	1.5
Parathion (ethyl).....	.5
Sevin.....	2

#### Spray only:

Endrin-methyl parathion.....	0.4 plus 0.5
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Occasionally the yellow woollybear, Diacrisia virginica (F.) and the hairy larvae of several other tiger moths, Arctiidae, including Callarctia phyllira (Drury), C. arge (Drury), and C. oithona Strk., cause serious damage to cotton. Information is needed in regard to their seasonal host plants, distribution, natural enemies, causes of serious outbreaks in cotton fields, life history, and control. Determinations by specialists should always be obtained.

#### SEED-CORN MAGGOT, Hylemya cilicrura (Rond.)

The seed-corn maggot may seriously affect the stand of cotton, particularly when planting closely follows the turning under of a green manure crop or other heavy growth. This insect may be controlled with 3.2 ounces of chlordane, 1.6 to 2 ounces of dieldrin, 2 ounces of aldrin or heptachlor, and 2.25 ounces of lindane in a wettable powder mixed with a suitable fungicide and applied onto each 100 pounds of planting seed in a slurry. Seed should be treated immediately before planting.

#### SPIDER MITES

The following spider mites are known to attack cotton:

Carminc spider mite, Tetranychus cinnabarinus (Boisduval)  
Desert spider mite, T. desertorum Banks



## SPIDER MITES (continued)

Four-spotted spider mite, T. canadensis (McG.)  
Lobed spider mite, T. lobosus Boudreaux  
Pacific spider mite, T. pacificus McG.  
Schoene spider mite, T. schoenei McG.  
Strawberry (Atlantic) spider mite, T. atlanticus McG.  
Tumid spider mite, T. tumidus Banks  
Two-spotted spider mite, T. telarius (L.)  
T. ludeni Zacher

These species differ in their effect on the cotton plant and in their reaction to miticides. Accurate identification of the species is essential. The use of organic insecticides for cotton-insect control has been a factor in increasing the importance of spider mites as pests of cotton.

The following table lists the species of spider mites and the miticides which have been found to be effective in their control (see section on resistance, pages 20-22).

SPECIES OF MITES AND MITICIDES RECOMMENDED FOR THEIR CONTROL

Miticide	Carmine	Desert	Lobed	Pacific	Schoene	Strawberry (Atlantic)	Tumid	Two Spotted
Aramite	0.3-1.25	0.3-1.0	1.0	1-1.25	0.5-1.0	0.3-1.25	--	0.3-1.25
Chlorobenzilate	1	--	--	1	--	1	--	1
Demeton	.125-.38	.125-.38	.25-.38	.25	.125-.25	.25	.25	.125-.38
Di-Syston <u>1/</u>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ethion	.5-1	.375-1	.5-1	1	.375-.5	.375-.5	1	.375-1
Kelthane	1-1.25	1-1.2	--	1-1.25	--	1-1.25	--	.46-1.6
Malathion	--	.75	--	--	--	--	--	--
Methyl parathion	--	.25-.5	--	--	--	--	--	--
Parathion (ethyl)	--	.125-.4	--	--	--	--	--	--
Phorate <u>1/</u>	.25-1	.25-1	.25-1	.25-1	.25-1	.25-1	.25-1	.25-1
Sulfur	--	25-30	--	--	--	25-30	--	25-30
Tedion	.5-1	.5-1	.5-1	.5	--	.5	--	.375-1
Trithion	.25-1	.25-1	.25-1	.5	.375-.5	.375-.5	.5	.25-1

1/ Seed or in furrow granular treatments.



In some areas mites may be controlled by including a suitable miticide at a comparatively low rate in all insecticide applications. For control of some species and suppression of others at least 40 percent of sulfur may be incorporated in dusts. Elemental sulfur cannot be incorporated in sprays applied at low gallonage, but other miticides may be substituted. Sulfur dust is most effective when finely ground and when applied at temperatures above 90° F. Thorough coverage is essential.

## STINK BUGS

The following stink bugs are sometimes serious pests of cotton:

Brown cotton bug, Euschistus impictiventris Stal  
 Brown stink bug, E. servus (Say)  
 (also the one-spot stink bug, E. variolarius (P. de B.),  
 the dusky stink bug, E. tristigmus (Say), and  
E. conspersus Uhl.)  
 Conchuela, Chlorochroa ligata (Say)  
 Green stink bug, Acrosternum hilare (Say)  
 Red-shouldered plant bug, Thyanta custator (Fab.)  
 (also T. rugulosa (Say), T. brevis Van D., and  
T. punctiventris Van D.)  
 Say stink bug, Chlorochroa sayi Stal  
 Southern green stink bug, Nezara viridula (L.)

The importance of these pests and the species involved vary from year to year and from area to area. The damage is confined principally to the bolls and results in reduced yields and lower quality of both lint and seed.

The following insecticides applied at the indicated dosages of technical material have given control of stink bugs (see section on resistance, pages 20-22).

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Sprays and dusts:	
Dieldrin.....	.5
Dylox.....	1.5
Endrin.....	.4
Guthion.....	.5
Heptachlor.....	1
Methyl parathion.....	.5-1
Parathion (ethyl).....	.5-1
Sevin.....	2-2.5
Strobane.....	4
Thiodan.....	1
Toxaphene.....	4

## Thrips

Thrips often injure cotton seedlings, especially in areas where vegetables, legumes, and small grains are grown extensively. The following species have been reported as causing this injury (see section on resistance, pages 20-22):

Flower thrips, Frankliniella tritici (Fitch)  
(also F. exigua Hood, F. occidentalis (Perg.), and  
F. gossypiana Hood)  
Onion thrips, Thrips tabaci Lind.  
Sericothrips variabilis (Beach)  
Tobacco thrips, F. fusca (Hinds)

In some areas cotton plants usually recover from thrips injury to seedlings; therefore, control is not recommended unless the stand is threatened. In other areas thrips damage is more severe and control measures are generally recommended. Injury by thrips alone, or the combined injury of thrips and disease, may reduce or even destroy stands of young plants. A heavy infestation may retard plant growth and delay fruiting and crop maturity. Although thrips are predominantly pests of seedlings, damaging infestations sometimes occur on older cotton in certain areas.

The following insecticides at the indicated dosages of technical material are recommended when the situation warrants their use:

	<u>Pounds per acre</u>
Spray or dusts:	
Aldrin.....	0.08-0.15
BHC (gamma).....	.13-.25
DDT.....	.17-.56
Diieldrin.....	.05-.5
Endrin.....	.07-.3
Guthion.....	.08-.25
Heptachlor.....	.08-.15
Malathion.....	.5-1
Methyl parathion.....	.3
Sevin.....	.35-1
Strobane.....	.8-2.25
Toxaphene.....	.8-2.25
Diieldrin-DDT.....	.19-.28 plus .5
Endrin-DDT.....	.2-.3 plus .5
Heptachlor-DDT.....	.25-.375 plus .5
Strobane-DDT.....	.75-1.5 plus .375-.75
Toxaphene-DDT.....	.75-1.5 plus .375-.75



Seed treatment: (see pages 28 & 30).

Di-Syston.....	1.0
Phorate.....	0.25-0.5

In furrow granular treatment: (see pages 28 & 30).

Di-Syston.....	1.0
Phorate.....	0.5-1.0

When applications are made by airplane, the above dosages should be increased by at least 50 percent.

Methyl parathion and parathion are effective against thrips but are not generally recommended because their residual toxicity is shorter than that of insecticides commonly used for thrips control.

The bean thrips, *Hercothrips fasciatus* (Perg.), is an occasional mid-season pest of cotton in parts of California. DDT at 1 pound or toxaphene at 2 to 3 pounds per acre gives satisfactory control when applied in either a spray or dust.

Scirtothrips sp. causes severe crinkling of top leaves of cotton in localized areas of Arizona, Mississippi, and Texas.

Kurtomathrips morrilli Moulton was described in 1927 from specimens taken on cotton at Gila Bend, Arizona. It was collected from cotton at Seeley, California, on May 2, 1930, at Laveen, Arizona, on July 23, 1943, and was reported as causing severe injury to cotton at Gila Bend, Arizona, in July 1957.

Frankliniella occidentalis and F. gossypiana do not occur on cotton in the eastern United States. In the west, F. tritici is of little importance on cotton and F. fusca does not occur.

WHITE-FRINGED BEETLES, Graphognathus spp.

White-fringed beetles are pests of cotton and many other farm crops in limited areas of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The larvae feed on the roots of young plants. These insects can be controlled effectively with insecticides.

The following insecticides when applied at the given dosages are effective against white-fringed beetle larvae. Broadcast the insecticide when preparing the soil for planting and immediately work into the upper 3 inches or apply it alone or mixed with fertilizer, in row at time of planting. The insecticide may be used in a spray, dust, or granules.

	<u>Broadcast</u>	<u>Pounds per acre</u>	<u>In drill row</u>
Aldrin	2		0.75-1.0
Chlordane	5		1-2
DDT	10		2-3
Diieldrin	1.5		0.5-0.75
Heptachlor	2		0.75-1.0

Broadcast applications remain effective as follows: Aldrin, chlordane, or heptachlor for 3 years, DDT for 4 years, and diieldrin for 4 or more years. Drill-row applications must be renewed each year.

When applied to the foliage as recommended for the control of other cotton insects, a BHC-DDT mixture, toxaphene, or any one of the insecticides named above are effective against adults.

#### WIREWORMS

Several species of wireworms are associated with cotton. Damage is caused by the sand wireworm, Horistonotus uhlerii Horn, in South Carolina, Louisiana, and Arkansas and by the Pacific Coast wireworm, Limonius canus Lec., in California. Adults of the tobacco wireworm or spotted click beetle, Conoderus vespertinus (F.) are frequently found on the cotton plant, and the larvae may cause damage to cotton. Wireworms together with false wireworms and the seed-corn maggot sometimes prevent the establishment of a stand. To control these insects treat the seed with 1 to 2 ounces of aldrin, diieldrin, endrin, heptachlor or lindane plus a suitable fungicide per 100 pounds in a slurry. In South Carolina in 1960 lindane was the only material affording control of the tobacco wireworm on seedling cotton.

Approved crop-rotation practices, increased soil fertility, and added humus help to reduce damage to cotton by the sand wireworm. Aldrin, BHC, diieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, and lindane as soil treatments are also effective against wireworms.

YELLOW-STRIPED ARMYWORM, Prodenia ornithogalli (Guen.)  
and WESTERN YELLOW-STRIPED ARMYWORM, P. praefica Grote

These insects sometimes cause considerable damage to cotton. The yellow-striped armyworm is difficult to kill with insecticides. However, diieldrin at 0.25 pound or toxaphene spray at 2 pounds per acre gives fair control when used in the early stages of worm development. A 3 percent dust of diieldrin or a 20 percent dust of toxaphene applied at 15 pounds per acre also give good kills of both large and small larvae.

The western yellow-striped armyworm, which attacks cotton in California, is controlled with DDT at 1 to 1.5 pounds, Dylox at 1 pound or toxaphene at 2.5 to 3 pounds per acre applied in a dust or spray. Migrations from surrounding crops may be stopped with barriers of 10 percent DDT, 5 or 7 percent Sevin, or 20 percent toxaphene at 2 to 4 pounds per 100 linear feet.



## MISCELLANEOUS INSECTS

The brown cotton leafworm, Acontia dacia Druce, was collected from three counties in Texas in 1953. Since then damaging infestations have occurred over wide areas of Texas and in Louisiana, and recoveries have been reported from Arkansas. This pest may be controlled with endrin at 0.33 pound, Guthion at 0.25 pound, malathion at 0.25 pound, and parathion (ethyl) at 0.125 pound per acre.

Several Anomis leafworms are known to occur in the cotton-growing regions of Africa, Asia, North, Central, and South America, and the East and West Indies. Three species--erosa Hbn., flava fimbriago Steph., and texana Riley--occasionally damage cotton in the United States. They are often mistaken for the cotton leafworm, and are sometimes found on the same plants with it. Although specific control data are lacking, the insecticides recommended for control of the cotton leafworm might also be effective against Anomis leafworms.

Root aphids known to attack cotton are the corn root aphid, Anuraphis maidiradicis (Forbes), Trifidaphis phaseoli (Pass.), and Rhopalosiphum rufiabdominalis (Saksi). So far as is known, injury prior to 1956 was confined to the Eastern Seaboard. Trifidaphis phaseoli (det. by L. M. Russell) destroyed spots of cotton up to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres in fields in Pemiscot County, Missouri, in 1956. In 1961 root aphids caused some damage to cotton in the northeastern counties in North Carolina and Arkansas. Several species of ants are known to be associated with root aphids, the principal one being the cornfield ant, Lasius alienus (Forster). Chemical control of root aphids has been directed at this ant. Some of the new materials are known to be effective as soil insecticides, and it is suggested that they be tested against root aphids attacking cotton. Root aphids injure cotton chiefly in the seedling stage. Since cotton in this stage often shows injury without any evidence of insects being present, the underground portions should be examined carefully. Ant mounds at the base of these plants indicate the presence of root aphids.

An aphid, Aphis craccivora Koch, the green peach aphid, Myzus persicae (Sulz.), and the potato aphid, Macrosiphum euphorbiae (Thos.) are common on seedling cotton. Cotton is not believed to be a true host of these species.

The garden springtail, Bourletiella hortensis (Fitch), has caused injury to cotton locally in Hertford County, North Carolina. Another springtail, Entomobrya unostrigata Stach., has occasionally damaged seedling cotton over a wide area of the southern high plains of Texas and New Mexico.

The white-lined sphinx, Celerio lineata (F.), occasionally occurs in large numbers in uncultivated areas and migrates to cotton. It may be controlled on cotton with dusts or sprays of DDT at 1 to 1.5 pounds or toxaphene at 2 to 3 pounds or toxaphene-DDT spray at 1.5 plus 0.75 pounds per acre. Migrations may be stopped with barrier strips of 10-percent DDT or 20-percent toxaphene or physical barriers.

The cowpea curculio, Chalcodermus aeneus Boh., sometimes causes damage to seedling cotton.

A curculionid, Compsus auricephalus (Say), damaged young cotton plants and foliage in Grady County, Oklahoma in 1961. It also appeared in large numbers in cotton fields in Pope County, Arkansas.

The cotton stainer, Dysdercus suturellus (H.-S.), is found within the United States in Florida only. However, probably owing to mistaken identity, the literature also records it from Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. No work on control has been formally reported in recent years, but observations indicate that dusts containing BHC 1 percent gamma or 10 percent of toxaphene will control insects of this genus. DDT may also be effective.

Several leafhoppers of the genus Empoasca spp. are often abundant on cotton in many sections of the Cotton Belt. Only in California, however, has serious injury been reported, and this was caused by two species, solana DeL. (southern garden leafhopper) and fabae (Harris) (potato leafhopper). These species are known to be phloem feeders on some crops and cause damage typical of this type of feeding on cotton. In the San Joaquin Valley, where fabae occurs, satisfactory control has been obtained with 1 to 1.5 pounds of DDT per acre. In the desert areas, where solana occurs, sprays of Dylox at 1 pound, malathion at 1 pound, and parathion (ethyl) at 0.5 pound per acre have given satisfactory control.

Striped blister beetles, Epicauta spp., sometimes cause severe foliage damage in small localized areas. Damage usually results when weeds, which are preferred host plants, are cleaned out of cotton. Total loss of foliage may result in small areas before the insects move out of the field. Spot treatment with the chlorinated hydrocarbons is usually effective for control of these outbreaks.

Field crickets, Gryllus spp., occasionally feed on cotton bolls and seedling plants in the Imperial Valley of California and in Arizona. During periods of drought late in the season they may feed on the seed of open bolls, especially in the Delta sections of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. This feeding is usually done at night as the crickets hide during the day in deep cracks in the soil. Crickets may be controlled by foliage applications of dieldrin at 0.4 to 0.75 pound or endrin at 0.4 pound per acre.

Serpentine leaf miners, Liriomyza spp., and L. pictella (Thomson) in California, has been present in large numbers in some areas during the last few years. Drought conditions favor infestations of these pests. Heavy infestations may result in considerable leaf shed. Infestations are brought under control by rain or irrigation. Field tests at Waco, Texas, showed that the best reductions were obtained with parathion (ethyl) at 0.25 pound per acre. Seed treatment of phorate at 0.25 to 0.5 pound and Di-Syston at 1.0 pound per acre and in furrow granular treatments of phorate at 0.5 to 1.0 pound and Di-Syston at 1.0 pound per acre are also effective 4 to 6 weeks after planting.



The corn silk beetle, Luperodes brunneus (Crotch), has been reported as a pest of cotton in localized areas in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, but little is known about it.

Damage to cotton by the periodical cicada, Magicicada septendecim (L.) in the United States was first reported in 1905. Damage is caused by the deposition of eggs in the stems of young plants, branches of older plants and occasionally in leaf petioles. The parts of the plant above the oviposition puncture usually die. Growth below the puncture results in low bushy plants. Severe local damage to cotton by this cicada occurred in the river bottoms of nine counties in Arkansas in 1937. A cicada, undetermined species, caused light damage to cotton in some areas in Maricopa County, Arizona in 1961.

Leaf beetles of the genus Maecolaspis are widespread and often found on cotton, frequently on the foliage near the base of squares and bolls, where they usually feed on the bracts surrounding them.

The harlequin bug, Murgantia histrionica (Hahn), heavily infested a few cotton fields in Graham County, Arizona, in August of 1959. Feeding was similar to that of other stink bugs. No immature stages were noted.

The barber pole caterpillar, a pyraustid larva, Noctuella rufofascialis (Steph), is reported occasionally attacking cotton bolls in the Imperial and San Joaquin Valley areas of California. It also has been reported from Texas and Oklahoma.

False chinch bugs.--Bugs of the genus Nysius, N. ericae (Schilling), N. californicus Stal and N. raphanus Howard, commonly called false chinch bugs, frequently migrate to cotton from adjacent weed hosts. Stands of seedling cotton may be destroyed by adults and nymphs. Aldrin, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, methyl parathion, and parathion are effective at 0.4 to 0.6 pound per acre.

Snowy tree cricket, Oecanthus niveus (DeG.), infestations caused alarm to some southwestern Oklahoma cotton growers in mid-July 1958. Approximately 3 percent lodging occurred in the Blair area.

The European corn borer, Ostrinia nubilalis (Hbn.), was first reported on cotton in the United States during 1955. The first report came from Franklin County, Tenn., where a few plants near the edge of a field were severely damaged. This was on July 3 in a 3-acre field adjacent to one that was in corn the previous year. The cotton was only 8 to 10 inches high at that time, and the larvae had entered the stems 2 to 6 inches from the ground and burrowed up through their centers. In August light infestations were reported in cotton in Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Butler, Stoddard, and Mississippi Counties in Missouri, and in Madison County, Tenn. The borers were found boring into the upper third of the stems, and second- and third-instar larvae were attacking small bolls. These records are of special interest in view of the fact that the European corn borer is apparently spreading in the Cotton Belt. No



reports of this insect on cotton were received during 1956 or 1957. In 1958 it was found boring in cotton stalks in Autauga and Madison Counties, Alabama, and in Washington County, Mississippi, in late July. In 1959 as many as 10 percent of the plants were infested in a 10-acre field of cotton in Etowah County, Alabama. The field was planted to corn in 1958. It was also found in Madison Parish, Louisiana in 1959. Damage was confined to the terminal 6 to 8 inches of the plant. Other infestations were noted in cotton fields in Autauga County, Alabama. In 1961 larvae were found in cotton in Hardeman, Lincoln, and Fayette Counties in southern Tennessee. In other parts of the world, particularly in Russia, Turkestan, and Hungary, it has been reported as a serious pest of cotton. One reference states "In Turkestan it is principally cotton which is attacked by the larvae and in which they bore long tunnels in the upper part of the stems." Entomologists and other interested persons throughout the Cotton Belt should be on the alert to detect its presence on cotton and whenever possible, record the type and degree of injury, seasonal and geographical distribution, and control measures that might be of value.

The stalk borer, Papaipema nebris (Guen.), is widely distributed east of the Rocky Mountains. It attacks many kinds of plants, including cotton, and is so destructive that one borer in a field may attract attention. The borers are most likely to be noted near the edges of cotton fields. Light marginal injury occurred in scattered fields in Missouri during June 1957, and it was also reported as causing some injury to cotton in Mississippi and Tennessee in 1956. In 1961 it caused some damage along the edges of many cotton fields in western and southern counties in Tennessee. It is sometimes mistaken for the European corn borer. Clean cultivation and keeping down weed growth help to hold them in check. The use of stalk shredders early in the fall should reduce their numbers.

A white grub, Phyllophaga ephilida (Say), was reported to have destroyed 5 acres of cotton in Union County, North Carolina, during 1956. As many as 20 larvae per square foot were found. P. zavalana Reinhard is also reported to be a pest of cotton in the Matamoros area of Mexico, where the adults feed on foliage, particularly in the seedling stage. It is known to occur in Zavala and Dimmit Counties, Texas. P. cribosa (Leconte), sometimes known as the "4 o'clock bug" in west Texas, has also been reported as feeding on young cotton in that area.

The cotton stem moth, Platyedra vilella Zell., a close relative of the pink bollworm, was first discovered in the United States in 1951, when larvae were found feeding in hollyhock seed at Mineola, Long Island, N. Y. It is recorded as a pest of cotton in Iran, Iraq, Morocco, Transcaucasia, Turkestan, and U.S.S.R., and as feeding on hollyhock and other malvaceous plants in England, France, and central and southern Europe. Collections made in 1953 extended its known distribution in this country to a large part of Long Island and limited areas in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Extensive scouting during 1954 disclosed that it had reached 11 counties in 4 States, as follows: Connecticut: Hartford and New Haven; Massachusetts: Essex and Plymouth; New Jersey: Monmouth, Ocean, and Union; New York: Westchester and all counties of Long Island (Nassau, Queens, and Suffolk). There has been no reported spread since 1954. Although this species has not been found in the Cotton Belt in the



United States, it is desirable to keep on the lookout for it on cotton, hollyhock, and other malvaceous plants. In 1956 it was collected from a natural infestation on cotton growing on the laboratory grounds at Farmingdale, N. Y.

Several of the leaf rollers, Tortricidae, occasionally damage cotton. Platynota stultana (Wlsm.) and rostrana (Wlk.) are the species most commonly recorded, but flavedana Clem., idaeusalis (Wlk.) and nigrocervina (Wlsm.) have also been reported. These species are widely distributed and have many host plants. P. stultana has at times been a serious pest of cotton in the Imperial Valley of California and parts of Arizona and New Mexico. Dylox at 1 pound or Sevin at 2 pounds per acre have given satisfactory control of the species which occur on cotton in California.

Heavy feeding on cotton by the Japanese beetle, Popillia japonica Newman, was reported in Sampson County, North Carolina in 1961.

Adults of a buprestid beetle Psiloptera drummondi Lap. & Cory, occasionally cause damage to cotton. The damage consists of partially girdled terminals which break over and die. A 5-percent DDT dust applied at 20 pounds per acre has given satisfactory control of this insect.

The pink scavenger caterpillar, Pyroderces rileyi (Wlsm.), is one of several insects that resemble the pink bollworm, and is sometimes mistaken for it by laymen. The larva is primarily a scavenger in cotton bolls and corn husks that have been injured by other causes.

The cotton square borer, Strymon melinus (Hbn.), occurs throughout the Cotton Belt, but rarely causes economic damage. The injury it causes to squares is often attributed to the bollworm.

Flea beetles.--The pale-striped flea beetle, Systema blanda Melsh., the elongate flea beetle, S. elongata (F.), and S. frontalis (F.) sometimes cause serious damage to seedling cotton in some areas. They can be controlled with aldrin at 0.25 to 0.5 pound, DDT at 1 pound, dieldrin at 0.25 to 0.33 pound, or toxaphene at 2 to 3 pounds per acre in dusts or sprays. The sweet-potato flea beetle, Chaetocnema confinis Crotch, was found injuring seedling cotton in the Piedmont section of South Carolina in May 1954. The striped flea beetle, Phyllotreta striolata (F.), caused damage to cotton in Alabama in 1959. Other species of flea beetles have been reported from cotton, but records regarding the injury they cause are lacking. When flea beetle injury to cotton is observed, specimens should be submitted to specialists for identification, with a statement regarding the damage they cause, the locality, and the date of collection.

Whiteflies, Trialeurodes abutilonea (Hald.), the greenhouse whitefly T. vaporariorum Westw., and the sweetpotato whitefly Bemisia tabaci (Genn.) are usually kept in check by parasites and diseases, but occasionally may be serious late in the season. Bemisia tabaci is reported to be a vector of the leaf crumple virus of cotton.

The greenhouse leaf tier, Udea rubigalis (Guen.), also known as the celery tier, has occasionally been abundant on cotton in the San Joaquin Valley. Despite the heavy populations, damage was generally slight and restricted to foliage on the lower third of the plants in lush stands. In the few places where it was necessary to control this pest, a dust containing 5 percent of DDT plus 10 to 15 percent of toxaphene at 25 to 35 pounds or endrin at 0.4 pound per acre in a dust or spray was effective.

Damage to cotton stalks by termites, undetermined species, was reported in western Tennessee and in Texas in 1961. Termites, Reticulitermes sp. (family Rhinotermitidae), partially destroyed a stand of cotton in Little River County, Arkansas in 1961.



## INSECTS IN OR AMONG COTTONSEED IN STORAGE

Cottonseed rarely becomes infested while in storage when proper precautions are followed. Cottonseed or seed cotton should be stored only in a bin or room thoroughly cleaned of all old cottonseed, grain, hay, or other similar products in which insects that attack stored products are likely to develop. Among the insects that cause damage to stored cottonseed or to cottonseed meal are the cigarette beetle, Lasioderma serricorne (F.), the Mediterranean flour moth, Anagasta kühniella (Zell.), the almond moth, Ephestia cautella (Wlk.), and the Indian-meal moth, Plodia interpunctella (Hbn.). Cottonseed that is to be used for planting only may be dusted with toxaphene before being placed in storage. A wettable powder of malathion has been effective in the control of the insects mentioned above in stored grain, peanuts, etc. It is suggested that this insecticide might be effective against these insects in stored cottonseed. Seed so treated should not be crushed or used for feed. The pink bollworm, Pectinophora gossypiella (Saund.), may be found in stored cottonseed but such infestations would be present in the seed before they are stored.

## INSECT IDENTIFICATION

Prompt and accurate identification of insects and mites is a necessary service to research and to control of cotton insects. Applied entomologists owe much to taxonomists for their services, often rendered on a volunteer basis.

Approved common names are convenient and useful. Local or non-standard common names create confusion. Entomologists are urged to submit common names for approval, where such are needed.

Research in taxonomy has been productive of new developments. Major changes have been made in classification of spider mites attacking cotton. Several species of thrips and plant bugs have recently been added to the list of cotton pests. The Melanoplus mexicanus group of grasshoppers has been completely revised. Heliothis virescens has been accurately defined. Several scientific names have been changed.

## COTTON-INSECT SURVEYS

The importance of surveys to an over-all cotton-insect control program has been clearly demonstrated. Surveys conducted on a cooperative basis by State and Federal agencies in most of the major cotton-growing States have developed into a broad, up-to-date advisory service for the guidance of county agents, ginners, farmers, and other leaders of agriculture who are interested in the distribution and severity of cotton insect pests, as well as industry which serves the farmers by supplying insecticides. As a result of this survey work, farmers are forewarned of the insect situation, insecticide applications are better timed, and losses are materially reduced below what they would be without the information thus gained. The surveys also help to direct insecticides to areas where supplies are critically needed.

It is recommended that cotton-insect surveys be continued on a permanent basis, that they be expanded to include all cotton-producing States, and that the survey methods be standardized.

It is further recommended that the greatest possible use be made of fall, winter, and early-spring surveys as an index to the potential infestation of next season's crop.

Each year more people are being employed by business firms, farm operators, and others to determine cotton-insect populations. State and Federal entomologists should assist in locating and training personnel that have at least some basic knowledge of entomology.

Wherever possible, voluntary cooperators should be enlisted and trained to make field observations and records and to submit reports during the active season.

Surveys to detect major insect pests in areas where they have not previously been reported may provide information that can be used in restricting their spread or in planning effective control programs. The survey methods may include (1) visual inspection, (2) use of traps containing aromatic lures, (3) use of light traps, (4) use of mechanical devices such as gin-trash machines, (5) examination of glass windows installed in lint cleaners used in ginning, and (6) portable vacuum insect population sampling devices. The methods of making uniform surveys for several of the important insects are described below.

Light traps have provided valuable survey information for the following cotton insects: Beet armyworm, bollworms, brown cotton leafworm, cabbage looper, cotton leafworms, cutworms, fall armyworm, garden webworm, pink bollworm, salt-marsh caterpillar, white-lined sphinx, yellow-striped armyworm, and yellow woollybear.

### Boll Weevil

Surveys to determine winter survival of the boll weevil are made in a number of States. Counts are made in the fall soon after the weevils have entered hibernation and again in the spring before they emerge from winter quarters. A standard sample is 2 square yards of surface woods trash taken from the edge of a field where cotton was grown the previous season. Three samples are taken from each of 30 locations in an area, usually consisting of three or four counties.

In the main boll weevil area counts are made on seedling cotton to determine the number of weevils entering cotton fields from hibernation quarters. The number per acre is figured by examining the plants on 50 feet of row in each of five representative locations in the field and multiplying the total by fifty. Additional counts are desirable in large



fields. Square examinations are made weekly after the plants are squaring freely or have produced as many as three squares per plant. While walking diagonally across the field pick 100 squares, one-third grown or larger; taking an equal number from the top, middle, and lower branches. Do not pick squares from the ground or flared or dried-up squares that are hanging on the plant. The number of squares found to be punctured is the percentage of infestation.

An alternative method is to inspect about 25 squares in each of several locations distributed over the field, to obtain a total of 100 to 500 squares, the number depending upon the size of the field and the surrounding environment. The percentage of infestation is determined by counting the punctured squares.

In both methods all squares that have egg or feeding punctures should be counted as punctured squares.

### Bollworms

Examinations for bollworm eggs and larvae should be started as soon as the cotton begins to square and repeated every 5 days if possible until the crop has matured. In some areas it may be necessary to make examinations for bollworm damage before cotton begins to square. While walking diagonally across the field, examine the top 3 or 4 inches of the main stem terminals, including the small squares, of 100 plants. Whole-plant examinations should be made to insure detection of activity not evident from terminal counts.

### Cotton Aphid

To determine early-season aphid infestations, while walking diagonally across the field make observations on many plants, and record the degree of infestation as follows:

None, if none are observed.  
Light, if aphids are found on an occasional plant.  
Medium, if aphids are present on numerous plants and some of the leaves curl along the edges.  
Heavy, if aphids are numerous on most of the plants and the leaves show considerable crinkling and curling.

To determine infestations on fruiting cotton, begin at the margin of the field and, while walking diagonally across it, examine 100 leaves successively from near the bottom, the middle, and the top of the plants. Record the degree of infestation, as follows, according to the average number of aphids estimated per leaf:

None.....	0
Light.....	1 to 10
Medium.....	11 to 25
Heavy.....	26 or more

## Cotton Fleahopper

Weekly inspections should begin as soon as the cotton is old enough to produce squares. In some areas inspections should be continued until the crop is set. While walking diagonally across the field, examine 3 or 4 inches at the top of the main-stem terminals of 100 cotton plants, counting both adults and nymphs.

## Cotton Leafworm

The following levels of leafworm infestation, on the basis of ragging and the number of larvae per plant, are suggested for determining damage:

None, if none are observed.

Light, if 1 or only a few larvae are observed.

Medium, if 2 to 3 leaves are partially destroyed by ragging, with 2 to 5 larvae per plant.

Heavy, if ragging of leaves is extensive, with 6 or more larvae per plant, or if defoliation is complete.

## Lygus Bugs and Other Mirids

Inspections should be made at 5- to 7-day intervals beginning at square set and continuing until early September. Infestations should be determined by making a 50 or 100 sweep count at each of 4 or more locations. Sweeping is accomplished by passing a 15 inch net through the tops of the plants in one row, the lower edge of the net slightly preceding the upper edge. Contents of the net should be examined carefully to avoid overlooking very small nymphs. The plant terminal inspection as described for the cotton fleahopper may also be used. During hot summer weather sweepings should not be made between 11:30 A.M. and 3 P.M., since lygus bugs are prone to move into plant cover to avoid heat.

## Pink Bollworm

Counts to determine the degree of infestation in individual fields may be made early in the season by inspecting blooms, and later by inspecting bolls. Bloom inspections for comparing yearly early-season populations, or to determine when early insecticide applications are needed, should be made so as to obtain an estimate of the number of larvae per acre.

Bloom inspection: Five days after the first bloom appears, but not later than 15 days, check for number of larvae per acre as follows: Step off 300 feet of row (100 steps) and count the rosetted blooms at five representative locations in the field (1500 feet). Add the number of rosetted blooms from these five locations and multiply by 10 to obtain the number of larvae per acre.

Boll inspection: Check for the percentage of bolls infested as follows: Walk diagonally across the field and collect at random 100 firm bolls. Crack the bolls or cut each section of carpel (hull) lengthwise so that the locks can be removed; examine the inside of the carpel for mines made by the young larvae when entering the boll. Record the number of bolls infested on a percentage basis.



Other inspection techniques: There are other inspection methods that are helpful in directing control activities against the pink bollworm. They make possible the detection of infestations in previously uninfested areas and the evaluation of increases or decreases as they occur in infested areas. They are also used to determine the population of larvae in hibernation and their carryover to infest the new cotton crop.

1. Inspection of gin trash: Procure freshly ginned "first cleaner" trash, which has not been passed through a fan, from as many gins as possible in the area. Maintain the identity of each sample and separate mechanically all portions of the trash larger and all portions lighter in weight than the pink bollworm. A small residue is left which must be examined by hand. This method is very efficient for detecting the presence and abundance of the pink bollworm in any given area. One may locate the exact field by catching a separate trash sample from each grower's cotton.
2. Inspection of lint cleaner: During the ginning process the free larvae remaining in the lint are separated in the lint cleaners, and a substantial number of them are thrown and stuck on the glass inspection plates. All the larvae recovered are dead. For constant examination at a single gin, wipe off the plates and examine after each bale is ginned. In this way the individual field that is infested may be determined. For general survey, make periodic examinations to detect the presence of the pink bollworm in a general area.
3. Examination of debris: Between January and the time squares begin to form in the new crop, examine old bolls or parts of bolls from the soil surface in known infested fields. Examine the cotton debris from 50 feet of row at five representative points in the field for number of living pink bollworms. Multiply by 50 to determine number of living larvae per acre. Such records when maintained from year to year provide comparative data which may be used in determining appropriate control measures.
4. Use of light traps: Especially designed traps containing argon, mercury-vapor, or blacklight fluorescent bulbs will attract pink bollworm moths. Such traps are being used to discover new infestations, and their usefulness for survey work should be fully explored. Such traps are recognized as being an important means of survey for this pest as new infestations have been located through this use.

## Spider Mites

Examine 25 or more leaves from representative areas within a field taken successively from near the bottom, the middle, and the top of the plants. Record the degree of infestation as follows, according to the average number of mites per leaf:

None.....	0
Light.....	1 to 10
Medium.....	11 to 25
Heavy.....	26 or more

## Thrips

While walking diagonally across the field, observe or inspect the plants, and record the damage as follows:

- None, if no thrips or damage is found.
- Light, if newest unfolding leaves show only a slight brownish tinge along the edges with no silvering of the under side of these or older leaves, and only an occasional thrips is seen.
- Medium, if newest leaves show considerable browning along the edges and some silvering on the under side of most leaves, and thrips are found readily.
- Heavy, if silvering of leaves is readily noticeable, terminal buds show injury, general appearance of plant is ragged and deformed, and thrips are numerous.

## Predators

Predator populations may be estimated by counting those seen while examining leaves, terminals, and squares for pest insects.

## SCOUTING AND SUPERVISED CONTROL

Many farmers have used insecticides unnecessarily because of inadequate information on the presence of destructive insects and sometimes the treatments have been harmful to beneficial insects. When it is not possible for a farmer to supervise his own insect control program, two systems are used to assist him in controlling cotton pests.

Field scouting. Under this system, trained scouts inspect cotton fields at least at weekly intervals. They report the presence or abundance of injurious and beneficial insects to the farmer and usually to the county agent and the extension entomologist but they do not make control recommendations. Field scouting makes more accurate timing of insecticide applications possible and helps to eliminate needless treatments; furthermore it permits better use of natural and cultural controls in the program.



Supervised control. Under this system the grower employs a professional entomologist who not only scouts the fields for insects but makes specific recommendations to the grower for the control of the various pests based on infestation records in the particular field or block of cotton. It offers the same advantages as field scouting but the consultant also assumes the responsibility of making control recommendations.

## EXTENSION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

### The Situation

The annual gross value of the cotton crop in the United States is about two and a half billion dollars. Reduction in yields of cotton due to insect damage cost farmers in this country approximately \$350,000,000 per year for the 6 year period 1949-1954. Insecticides and their application result in an additional cost in production of about \$75,000,000. These figures are only estimates; however, there are lots of records available which show them to be highly conservative. Certainly this is too much of a toll to give in the production of any commodity. Theoretically, it is possible to eliminate the first item and it is likely that the per acre cost of controlling cotton pests can be lowered through research and education.

### Many Share Responsibility

Cotton insect control recommendations to be published should be developed jointly by research and extension specialists. After the recommendations have been developed extension entomologists recognize the fact that it is their job to take the lead and guide the educational phase of the insect control program; however, the results desired, namely, better insect control, cannot be attained without the support of Federal and State research workers, farm magazines, newspapers, radio, TV, representatives of insecticide companies, and all others that have any part in disseminating information to growers on insect control.

### More Extension Personnel and Scouts Needed

The States and the USDA spend yearly about \$1,500,000 for research on the control of cotton pests not to mention the money spent by chemical companies that could rightly be charged to cotton insect control. This is not enough for research but even a much smaller amount is spent for technical leadership by extension. The greatest deficiency between the research plot and the farm is inadequate education. The extension entomologist is the person who has the responsibility of formulating and projecting the educational phase of a cotton insect control program. In most States there is definite need for additional technically trained extension personnel. Many more farmers or groups of farmers need to employ scouts to check fields. Scouts are usually college students who have been trained to check cotton fields to determine the presence and abundance of pests and beneficial insects.

Observations made throughout the Cotton Belt show that only the exceptional grower controls cotton insects as effectively as they are controlled in experimental areas. What then can be done to get the best known control procedures adopted on all farms?

### Roadblocks That Need to be Removed

First of all, we must realize that cotton producers need to know very much more about cotton pests and their life habits. They also need to know more about the many pesticides that are recommended for use on cotton. Therefore, a prime requirement for getting better control is to teach growers more about insect identification, life histories, and controls. Uniformity of recommendations within a given State is most important. Many growers start their control program when their neighbors start without regard to the insect situation in their fields. This is due in a large degree to such phrases as "early control," "preventive control," "mid-season control," etc. All must agree that there are too many control programs. This adds to the confusion in the minds of growers. A control program must be made simple. Growers should do only those things that are necessary to prevent damage to the crop.

### Setting the Stage for Action

These roadblocks must be recognized at the State level and plans made to attack the problem at meetings held at the State, county, and community levels. Attendance at such meetings should include farmers, ginnermen, insecticide dealers, bankers, cotton handlers, and all others with a direct interest in cotton production.

Factors other than identifying the problems and recommendations that should be discussed at meetings include: the importance of surveys; scouting of individual fields; when insecticides should and should not be used; importance of cultural and biological control; importance of proper selection and adjustment of equipment used in applying pesticides; rate of application; interval between applications and such things as nozzle size, nozzle placement, and the effect of air currents in the application of dust formulations.

### Coordinated Attack

More meetings with farmers, leaders, ginnermen, insecticide representatives, bankers, and cotton handlers are a must if the profits from cotton production are to be increased materially. At such meetings all timely phases of cotton production should be discussed. Ample time should be given to a discussion of questions that are in the minds of growers. All kinds of visuals, charts, etc., should be used in order to make recommendations clear, brief, and as explicit as possible.

Personal visits by the specialists and county agents with insecticide and equipment dealers in a county can be an important factor in getting better insect control on the farm. It is quite likely that the insecticide dealer more often than any other person decides which pesticide will be used on a large percent of the farms that grow cotton.



Plans should be made that will insure close cooperation between Federal and State survey entomologists and paid scouts. It is suggested that all scouts in a given county or State, regardless of their employer, be supervised by an extension specialist or the county agricultural agent. All scouts within a county should meet weekly with the county agent.

### Demonstrations a Must

Demonstrations showing people how to do things are as old as the extension service. Method and result demonstrations are important tools to use in getting growers to adopt the best recommendations for the control of cotton insects. At such demonstrations every effort should be made to point out what the grower did to produce the results shown, preferably by the grower.

After the growing season has started, nothing will take the place of good method demonstrations. Method demonstrations should include identification of insects, good ones as well as those that will cause damage, how to check infestations, how to calibrate a sprayer or adjust a duster to insure the applications of the needed amount of toxicant, placement of nozzles or outlets on dusters that will give good coverage and other factors that may be of importance in some areas and not in others.

A few result demonstrations strategically located over the State and closely supervised by extension personnel will go a long way toward getting better control practices adopted.

### Persistent Use of Mass Educational Media Necessary

The importance of a good publicity program cannot be overemphasized. Feature articles in farm magazines during the fall or winter reporting on results of research and result demonstrations are good. Articles run in spring numbers should explain clearly recommendations for the current year. News articles for State and county papers are important but should be much shorter than those used in farm magazines. Articles for newspapers should be released throughout the growing season. Some means should be developed to provide ginners, insecticide dealers and others servicing the farmer with timely information on the cotton insect situation.

Radio and television are the ideal ways to release results of weekly survey reports and emergency suggestions on control programs.

Visuals of all kinds including live material should be used at every opportunity in meetings and with television programs. People still see better than they hear or listen.

## Evaluating Results

In the improvement and expansion of research and education an evaluation of the results of past efforts is necessary. These results may be measured by making estimates of the following:

1. Profits to farmers resulting from the adoption of recommended practices.
2. Number of farmers following such practices.
3. The extent to which these individuals carry out the program.
4. Progress in scouting as measured by the number of scouts, the number of farmers participating and the number of acres scouted.

## NEEDED RESEARCH

Additional information is needed on many phases of cotton insect control to make it more effective and economical. It is generally agreed that if cotton is to retain its position in the world market, production costs must be reduced. One important means of doing so is through the development of less costly insect control programs. New approaches to control of the various pests must be developed to effect this need. A concentrated, co-operative, and coordinated effort of State, Federal, and Industry research entomologists as well as of scientists in related disciplines is needed to solve the problem. This effort should be directed toward the following lines of research:

1. Basic Investigations on Insect Taxonomy, Biology, and Ecology.
  - (a) Accurate identification of insect pests is essential to avoid confusion and permit immediate control of outbreaks. It is particularly important in species where large differences in susceptibility to pesticides are evident, as in cutworms and the spider mites. Taxonomic and biological studies of the cabbage looper and related species and the yellow woollybear and other arctiids attacking cotton are needed.
  - (b) The physiology of cotton pests should be studied with particular emphasis on the growth mechanisms and on ways of upsetting such mechanisms.
  - (c) Determine how the various pests develop resistance to a pesticide and devise means by which this may be prevented or reversed.



- (d) Ecological studies are needed on all important cotton pests for the development of more effective or new approaches to control.

2. Plant Morphology, Physiology, and Varietal Resistance in Cotton.

- (a) The relationship of an insect's development to the morphological and physiological changes in the cotton plant.
- (b) The development of varieties which are highly resistant to one or more of the important cotton pests would go a long way toward reducing the cost of cotton production by reducing costs of insect control.

3. Cultural Control. Under the present day system of intensive cultivation where mechanization plays an important role and where an effort is usually made to produce the highest yields possible, it is essential to determine the effects of the following cultural practices on insect populations and the resultant injury which they cause:

- (a) The effect of chemicals for pre-emergence weed control on cutworms, wireworms, the seed corn maggot, thrips, and other insect pests on seedling cotton.
- (b) The effect of flaming for weed control on the populations of both beneficial and destructive insects.
- (c) The effect of skip row planting on the populations of both beneficial and destructive insects.
- (d) The effects that intensive cultivation of other crops, such as soybeans, alfalfa and grain sorghum, grown in proximity to cotton, have on the population of both beneficial and destructive insects.
- (e) The effect of chemicals for post-cultivation weed control on the population of both beneficial and destructive insects and the possibility of incorporating an insecticide with the herbicide to kill boll weevils developing inside of punctured squares.
- (f) The effect of harvest aid chemicals on the population of both beneficial and destructive insects and the possibility of incorporating an insecticide with these chemicals to reduce late season damage caused by several insect pests; also to reduce the overwintering population of the boll weevil and the pink bollworm.

- (g) The effect of stalk destruction at different times before and after killing frost and by different mechanical methods on the overwintering population of the boll weevil and the pink bollworm.
  - (h) The effects of fall and winter plowing, winter rainfall, and winter and spring irrigation on the overwintering population of the boll weevil, the pink bollworm, and other cotton pests.
4. Biological control. The development of biological agents for the control of cotton pests should be explored.
- (a) Pathogens. Any disease organisms, bacteria, protozoa, nematode, virus, or fungi found to be pathogenic to insects should be investigated.
  - (b) Parasites and predators. Possibilities of production and mass releases of effective parasites and predators for the control of particular pests should be investigated.
  - (c) Genetic control. The possible use of sexually sterile males and other genetic methods for the control or eradication of certain pests should be evaluated.
5. Chemical Control. For the foreseeable future, the farmer must continue to rely on chemicals to meet his insect problems.
- (a) Conventional insecticides. Because of the insecticide resistance problem and the possible immediate need for substitute insecticides, the development of additional insecticides, particularly those having different modes of action, to control several cotton pests is of prime importance.
    - (1) Chemical defoliation and plant desiccation should be studied in relation to the abundance of pests and to development of late-season broods. The value of these practices in a late-season control program and their use with other insecticides with a possibility of controlling or eradicating certain pests should be evaluated.
  - (b) New approaches to chemical control. Additional research on chemicals for cotton insect control should be directed primarily to new approaches to this control with emphasis on the following:



- (1) Chemically induced plant resistance to insect attack.
  - (2) Systemics for seed, soil, or foliage treatment.
  - (3) Baits and other attractive substances.
  - (4) Exploration of the possibilities of developing growth regulating chemicals.
  - (5) Synthesis of insecticides tailored to control a particular pest.
6. Develop Information on Effects of Insects on Cotton Quality. The quality of cotton produced reflects its value at the market place. The effect of insect attack on the quality of lint and seed and the effect of control measures on the quality of the crop must be evaluated.
  7. Improved Insect Surveys. Improved survey methods and assembly of the information are needed to permit the forecasting of insect outbreaks and damage.
  8. Develop More Efficient Equipment for Applying Insecticides. Improvements are badly needed in both ground and aerial equipment used in applying insecticides. Techniques for improving application might improve control to the extent that more efficient control with less insecticide might be attained.
  9. Integration of Cultural, Biological, and Chemical Control. Research is needed to determine the most effective ways of utilizing cultural and biological controls and of integrating these into a chemical control program.

SOME MAJOR COTTON PESTS OCCURRING IN OTHER COUNTRIES  
WHICH MIGHT BE INTRODUCED INTO THE UNITED STATES

Some of the major pests of cotton in other countries which do not occur in the United States and which might accidentally be introduced into this country at any time are listed below. Cotton farmers, cotton scouts, county agents, entomologists, and others should be alerted to the possibility of these pests becoming introduced into this country and should collect and submit for identification any insect found causing damage to cotton if its identity is in doubt.

Family and Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Parts Damaged	Distribution
Cicadellidae <u>Empoasca lybica</u> (Bergevin)	Cotton jassid	Foliage	Africa, Spain, Israel
Coccoidea <u>Phenacoccus hirsutus</u> Green	Hibiscus mealybug	Foliage, terminals	Asia, Africa
Curculionidae <u>Amorphaidea lata</u> Motschulsky	Philippine cotton boll weevil	Squares, bolls	Philippine Islands
<u>Anthonomus vestitus</u> Boheman	Peruvian boll weevil	Similar to <u>A.</u> <u>grandis</u>	Peru, Ecuador
<u>Eutinobothrus</u> <u>brasiliensis</u> (Hambleton)	Brazilian cotton borer	Stems, roots	Brazil, Argentina
<u>Pempherulus affinis</u> (Faust)	Cotton stem weevil	Stems	Southeast Europe, Philippine Islands
Lygaeidae <u>Oxycarenus</u> <u>hyalinipennis</u> Costa	Cottonseed bug	Seed, lint	Africa, Asia, Philippine Islands
Miridae <u>Horcias nobilellus</u> (Berg)	Cotton plant bug	Terminals, squares, young bolls	Brazil, Argentina



Family and Scientific Name	Common Name	Plant Parts Damaged	Distribution
Noctuidae <u>Diparopsis castanea</u> Hampson	Red bollworm	Bolls	Africa
<u>Earias insulana</u> (Bdv.)	Spiny bollworm	Young growth, bolls	Africa, Asia, Australia, southern Europe
<u>Prodenia litura</u> F.	Egyptian cotton- worm	Foliage, bolls	Africa, Asia, southern Europe, Pacific Islands
<u>Sacadodes pyralis</u> Dyar	False pink bollworm	Squares, bolls	Central, South America
Olethreutidae <u>Cryptophlebia</u> <u>leucotreta</u> Meyr.	False codling moth	Bolls	Africa
Pyralidae <u>Sylepta derogata</u> F.	Cotton leaf roller	Foliage	Asia, Africa, Australia, Pacific Islands
Pyrrhocoridae <u>Dysdercus peruvianus</u> Guerin	Peruvian Cotton stainer	Bolls	Brazil, Columbia Peru, Venezuela

## CONFEREES AT FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

One hundred and five entomologists and associated technical workers concerned with cotton-insect research and control participated in this conference. They were from the agricultural experiment stations, extension services, and other agencies in 14 cotton-growing States, Puerto Rico, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Cotton Council of America. The statements in this report were agreed upon and adopted by the following conferees:

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